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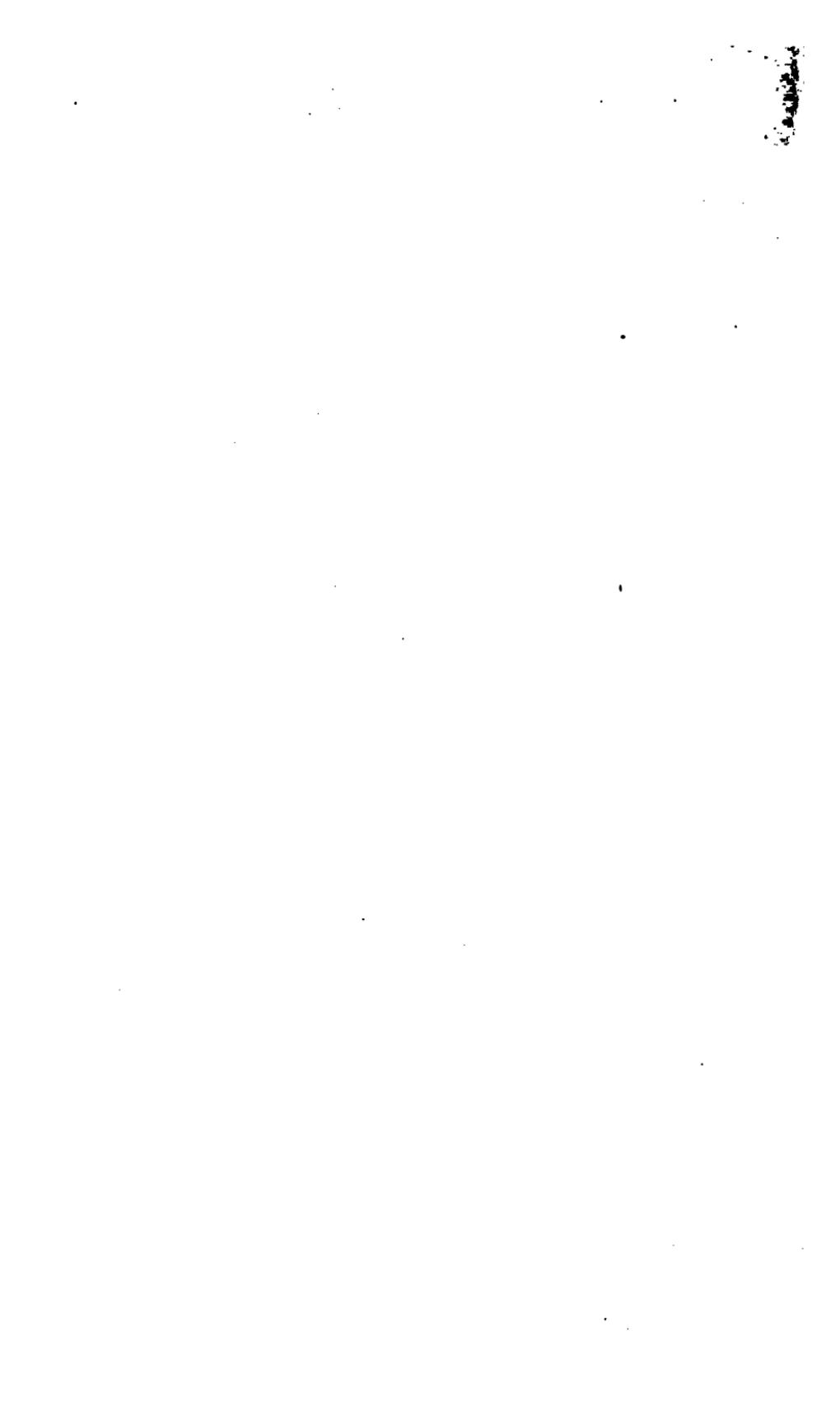
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OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE DIOCESE OF TENNESSEE,

HELD IN ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, COLUMBIA,

On 30th June, and 1st, 2d and 3d July, 1841.

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**LIST OF CLERGYMEN BELONGING TO THE DIOCESE
OF TENNESSEE.**

Rt. REV. JAMES HERVEY OTEY, D. D. DIOCESAN.

- * **REV. PHILIP WILLIAM ALSTON,**
- " **THOMAS HORRELL,**
- " **WM. THOMAS LEACOCK,**
- " **SAMUEL GEORGE LITTON,**
- * " **ALBERT ARNEY MULLER, D. D.**
- " **EDWARD REED,**
- " **FRANKLIN GILLETTE SMITH,**
- " **DANIEL STEPHENS, D. D.**
- " **THOMAS WEST,**
- " **J. THOMAS WHEAT,**
- " **W. P. SAUNDERS, Deacon.**

Not present at this Convention.

LIST OF PARISHES ENTITLED TO REPRESENTATION.

CHRIST CHURCH,	<i>Nashville,</i>
* ST. PAUL's,	<i>Franklin,</i>
ST. PETER's,	<i>Columbia,</i>
TRINITY,	<i>Clarksville,</i>
* IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,	<i>Lagrange,</i>
ST. LUKE's	<i>Jackson,</i>
* ST. PAUL's,	<i>Randolph,</i>
ZION,	<i>Brownsville,</i>
* CAPDRAFT,	<i>Memphis,</i>
ST. JAMES',	<i>Bolivar,</i>
* ST. STEPHEN's,	<i>Pulaski,</i>
* ST. THOMAS',	<i>Somerville,</i>
* ST. ANDREW's,	<i>Fayette Co.</i>
ST. MARK's,	<i>Williamsport,</i>

Not represented in this Convention.

JOURNAL.

THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the diocese of Tennessee, met at Columbia, in St. Peter's Church, at 10 o'clock, on the 30th June, 1841.

The Rt. Rev. JAMES HERVEY OTEY, D. D. diocesan, and *ex officio* President of the Convention, having opened the meeting by prayer, caused the list of clergymen entitled to seats to be read, of whom there were present, Rev. Messrs. Leacock, Reed, Stephens and Wheat.

Certificates of the election of delegates from the several parishes, entitled to representation, having been called for, it appeared there had been appointed, from

Christ Church, Nashville, Harry Douglass, Thomas Maney and Francis B. Fogg.

St. Peter's, Columbia, James Walker, Wm. J. Polk, and Jas. H. Thomas.

St. Luke's, Jackson, Wm. H. Stephens, Robert Taylor, and Edwin Johnson.

St. Paul's, Randolph, Ruffin Smythe, Adlai O. Harris, and J. De Blois Sherman.

St. James', Bolivar, Calvin Jones, John H. Bills, and Henry Lawson Goodrich.

St. Mark's, Williamsport, Gerard T. Greenfield, Thomas James Frierson, and Augustus Sowell.

Of whom there were present, Messrs. Polk and Thomas of Columbia, Stephens of Jackson, Jones and Bills of Bolivar, and Frierson and Sowell of Williamsport.

Thomas W. Frazier, of Trinity Church, Clarksville, having accidentally mislaid the certificate of his election, was, by special resolution, admitted to a seat in this Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Wheat was re-elected Secretary for the ensuing conventional year.

The Treasurer being absent, James H. Thomas was appointed to serve *pro tem.*

The President having pronounced the Convention duly organized, it was on motion, resolved to adopt the Rules of Order of the last Convention for the government of this.

Mr. Wheat submitted the following resolution:

That the Rt. Rev. Dr. Polk, Missionary Bishop of Arkansas, now in this place, be respectfully invited to take a seat in this Convention, and that a chair be placed for him at the right hand of the President. Which being unanimously adopted, the President conducted Bishop Polk to his seat.

Mr. Wheat submitted also the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, it hath pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence, since the meeting of the last Convention, to remove from the companionship of our labors in the church Militant on earth, to a service not less, but more active and altogether blissful and glorious in the church Triumphant above, two brethren, the Rev. JOHN CHILTON, belonging to this diocese, and the Rev. ABEDNEGO STEPHENS, formerly connected with it, and but shortly returned from a high station of honor and usefulness in a neighboring diocese, and always very dear to the Church in this:

Resolved, That while we deeply feel these bereavements, we "kiss the rod and adore Him that hath appointed it." "The Lord gave, the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord!"

Resolved, That we earnestly desire to learn the particular lesson and practise the corresponding duty which God would teach us by these dispensations of his providence. Both of our brethren, early called to their account, the one unexpectedly, we desire always "to watch, lest coming suddenly, our Master find us unprepared."—The other richly endowed, on whom the largest expectations were fastened, and yet denied

the longer opportunity of acting out that high and holy ambition, which consecrating all to God, sought only to be eminently useful to his fellow men—we are comforted, that with a most edifying submission, he was enabled in his last hours to endure the crucifixion of the world to him, and himself unto the world, and we bless God for the good example of our brother departed in His faith and fear.

Resolved, That we most affectionately and deeply sympathize with the immediate families and friends of the deceased, and we respectfully desire the Bishop, as president of this body, to convey to them, in the manner he may deem most suitable, our christian condolence, and that he take such other notice of these events as may be most edifying to the church.

The resolutions were adopted; and now the convention being about to adjourn, agreeably to the provisions of the canon, for the purpose of attending Divine service and the delivery of a Sermon, the hour for re-assembling was fixed at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

[Morning Prayer was read by Rev. Mr. Reed, and the Bishop preached on "*The Divine constitution of the church, and the one, only true source of ministerial authority in it,*" from Matt. xxviii. 19 and 20.]

THURSDAY MORNING, 8 o'CLOCK.

Besides those present yesterday, were Rev. Messrs. Horrell, Leacock and West; and of the laity, Messrs. Douglass, Walker, and Goodrich.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Bishop then read his Annual address.

The Parochial Reports were read by the Secretary.

The Bishop called the Rev. Dr. Stephens to the chair.

A committee on the support of the Episcopate was appointed, viz: of the clergy, Messrs. Wheat, Reed and Litton; of the laity, Messrs. Douglass, Walker, Frazier, Bills, Stephens, Greenfield and Frierson.

The Bishop resumed the chair.

The following resolutions were laid upon the table :

Resolved, That the proposed alterations of the constitution, which, by the General Convention of 1838, were sent down

for consideration to the several Diocesan conventions, be referred to our delegates to the next General Convention, without instructions from this body; and

Be it further Resolved, That by this act, this Convention intends to deny the propriety of such instructions generally.

The record of the proceedings of the Standing Committee was read by the president of that committee.

The following committee on accounts was appointed: Messrs. Douglass, Walker and Bills,

The Convention adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock.

THREE O'CLOCK.

Rev. Messrs. Litton and Saunders appeared and took their seats, and the names of S. M. Ashe, E. H. Shepherd and S. Oldham of Zion church, Brownsville, were added to the list of delegates.

By request of the President the Rt. Rev. Dr. Polk stated to the Convention that he had been authorized by competent agents to propose to this Convention a transfer to it, of all right and property in Jackson College. He made some further remarks upon the desirableness and expediency of acceding to this proposal, and gave promise of extensive patronage from his own field of labor. Bishop Otey followed in commendation of it to the immediate and favorable attention of the Convention. Gen. Jones also gave his views of the subject, and on motion,

It was referred to the following special committee: Messrs. Wheat, Douglass, Walker, Frazier, and Jones. Bishops Otey and Polk were, by resolution of the Convention, requested to meet and confer with the committee.

Resolved, That the Secretary file and preserve all documents and papers transmitted to him as Secretary of the Convention.

Resolved, That the Convention now proceed to the election of the Standing Committee for the ensuing year. The following persons were chosen by ballot: of the clergy, J. Thos. Wheat and Thomas Horrell; of the laity, John Shelby and F. B. Fogg.

Adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY MORNING, 8 o'clock.

The following communication from the Trustees of Jackson College was received and ordered to be entered on the Journal:

The debt of the Jackson College is

To the Union Bank of Tennessee at Columbia,	\$9,500
" State " " " "	3,410
Out door debts,	2,090
	<u>\$15,000</u>

There are about 10 acres of ground on which the

Jackson College stands, worth	\$2,000
Building cost nearly	15,000
Library and apparatus worth	6,500
	\$23,500

There is an annual fund of \$240 appropriated by the Legislature of the State out of the school fund: there is a statute for the sale of the Columbia College for the benefit of Jackson College, which was sold for about \$1200, for which no deed has been given, nor money paid. The charter is a good one; the board fills its own vacancies; five members make a quorum and ten can fill vacancies. The Trustees propose, if our Episcopalian brethren will relieve them from the above debt, that they will meet and resign one by one, and elect such Trustees as they may nominate, which will give them the absolute title to all the property. This College was founded by the Presbyterians, in order to give to the youth of the country a moral and religious education, in connection with a collegiate education, and being unable to sustain it, we would be pleased to see your denomination sustain it for the same object.

GEO. M. MARTIN,
GARDINER FRIERSON, }
JOHN BROWN, } Committee.

To the Rt. Rev. J. H. OTEY.

July 1st, 1841.

The following persons were chosen delegates to the General Convention: of the clergy, Messrs. Alston, Litton, Reed and Wheat: of the laity, F. B. Fogg, Geo. W. Martin, Adlai O. Harris and Thomas Anderson.

Messrs. Litton and Wheat were elected Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

The following were appointed the Missionary and Education

committee: of the clergy, Messrs. Horrell, and Smith: of laity, Messrs. W. J. Polk and J. H. Thomas.

The committee on the support of the Episcopate made following report which was accepted, and the several resolutions proposed in it were adopted:

The committee on the support of the Episcopate to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's address as relates to provision of a more certain salary, respectfully report:

That they have seriously considered the matter committed to them, and are fully persuaded that a crisis has arrived in affairs of this diocese, calling for the most strenuous exertion of every member of the Church. The loss of the Bishop, event now become not only possible, but almost probable, to regard as the most deplorable evil with which the diocese can be afflicted, and while they acknowledge that duty to him, his family and his office, requires his removal, unless more adequate support is provided, they believe the diocese to possess no means of averting so great a calamity. They are persuaded that failures in paying the assessments on the parishes have the most part resulted from neglect—a neglect inexcusable deed, but not implying any want either of affection for the Bishop or of just appreciation of his services. With a desire to remedy this neglect, and to provide for the efficient support of the Episcopate, the committee submit the following resolutions for the action of the Convention:

Resolved, That the following schedule of assessments on the several parishes for the year commencing July, 1841, be adopted; the said assessments to be paid, one half on the first day of January, 1842, and the remainder on first day of July in the same year:

Christ's Church, Nashville,	\$400
St. Peter's, Columbia,	400
Immanuel, La Grange,	200
Calvary, Memphis,	200
St. Paul's, Randolph,	150
St. James', Bolivar,	50
Trinity, Clarksville,	100
St. Andrew's, Fayette co.,	30
St. Luke's, Jackson,	30
St. Mark's, Williamsport,	25

Total, \$1585

Resolved, That the members of this committee pledge themselves, in behalf of the parishes represented by them, for payment of the sums assessed on their parishes respectively

and that they recommend to the vestries of the several parishes, to pass resolutions pledging themselves for the prompt payment of these sums at the proper time.

Resolved, That this report be communicated to the vestries of the several parishes.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. THOMAS WHEAT, Ch'n.

John Anderson was re-elected Treasurer of the Diocese for the ensuing year.

A resolution fixing the time and place of meeting of the next Convention was laid upon the table.

The following persons were appointed a committee on the contingent expenses of the Convention: Messrs. Douglass, Polk, Frazier, Stephens, Jones and Frierson.

Mr. Thomas was added to the committee on the proposition from Jackson College.

The resolutions respecting the proposed alterations of the constitution by the next General Convention, and which had been laid on the table, were now taken up.

A motion was made to amend by striking out the second resolution, and

A motion was made to amend the amendment by substituting the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Convention do *approve* the proposed alteration in the 1st article of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church, which, by the General Convention of 1838, was sent down to the Diocesan Conventions for consultation.

Resolved, That this Convention do *approve* the proposed alteration of the 6th article of the Constitution.

Resolved, That the delegates from this Convention to the next General Convention be instructed to act in accordance with these resolutions.

On motion it was resolved to divide the resolutions, and act upon them *seriatim*.

Pending that action, the Convention adjourned till 2½ o'clock.

HALF PAST TWO O'CLOCK.

The Convention resumed the consideration of the resolutions respecting the proposed alterations of the Constitution, and the first resolution was adopted, the second was rejected,

and a motion was made to adjourn, but was held back by the mover to give opportunity for the committees to report.

The committee of accounts submitted the following report which was accepted; and the proposed resolution adopted.

The committee of accounts have examined such as have been presented, and find the following to be correct:

Balance of account of S. Nye & Co. for 1839,	\$29 25
Account of Nashville Steam Press, 1840,	38 50
Account of J. H. M'Mahon, 1838,	45 00
Postage account of the Bishop,	125 82
Account paid by Rev. J. T. Wheat at General Convention, 1838,	9 00

They therefore report the following resolution:

Resolved, That the account of S. Nye & Co., the balance of which is \$28 25, the account of the Nashville Steam Press, amounting to \$38 50, the account of J. H. M'Mahon, amounting to \$45 00, the Postage account of the Bishop, amounting to \$125 82, and the account of Rev. J. T. Wheat of \$9 00, be paid by the Treasurer on the order of the Secretary.

The committee on contingent expenses made the following report, which was adopted:

The committee upon the contingent expenses for the ensuing ecclesiastical year of this Diocese, beg leave to recommend, that the Parishes be taxed according to the following schedule, viz.:

Christ Church,	Nashville,	\$20
St. Peter's,	Columbia,	20
Immanuel,	La Grange,	15
Calvary,	Memphis,	15
St. Paul's,	Randolph,	15
Trinity,	Clarksville,	10
St. Luke's	Jackson,	5
Zion,	Brownsville,	5
St. James',	Bolivar,	10
St. Mark's,	Williamsport,	5
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		\$120

Convention then adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY MORNING, 8 o'clock.

Mr. Fogg of Christ Church, Nashville, appeared and took

his seat. The Convention again took up the resolutions respecting the proposed alterations of the Constitution; and

1. *Resolved*, To reconsider its negative decision of the 2nd resolution; but the question again recurring, Shall the resolution be adopted? it was again decided in the negative.

The third resolution was laid upon the table, and thus the entire action of this Convention was the *approving* of the proposed alteration of the *1st article* and the *disapproving* of the proposed alteration of the *second*.

Upon this the Rt. Rev. President asked and obtained leave to record his disagreement with the majority of this Convention upon this question; he being of the opinion that the constitutional authority ought to be granted to the General Convention to prescribe some uniform mode of procedure in the trial of Bishops.

The X Canon was amended so as to read January for September and July for March, in both the first and second sections.

The following report of the committee on the proposals from the trustees of Jackson College was received and accepted.

The committee to which was referred the proposition from the Trustees of Jackson College, beg leave to report, that they have had the same under consideration, and find that numerous and important questions must be satisfactorily settled, before any positive action can be recommended: that with the utmost diligence, it has been impossible to collect the proper data for necessary calculations: and that it is not practicable, during the short time of the probable sitting of this Convention, to accomplish any of these ends.

The committee are, however, unanimously of the opinion that the proposition is well deserving of further consideration, that it should still be entertained by the Convention; and therefore, this committee recommends that it be discharged, and that another be appointed, with instructions to take the whole matter in hand, immediately upon the rising of this Convention, and to report progress to the Bishop, whom this Convention hereby engages to support, as far as they may have influence and means, in any measures which he may, in conjunction with the committee, see fit to adopt in the premises.

J. T. WHEAT, *Chairm'n.*

Thereupon the following committee was appointed: Rev. Messrs. Smith, Reed, Alston, James Walker and James H. Thomas.

The resolution fixing the time and place of meeting of the next Convention being taken up; the motion to strike out Memphis and insert Bolivar prevailed, and the time fixed was the 2d Wednesday in May. Thus amended the resolution passed.

The Schedule of parochial assessments for the contingent expenses of the Convention was, on motion, amended so as to fix that of St. Mark's, Williamsport, at five dollars.

Adjourned to meet at 2½ o'clock.

2½ o'clock.

The Treasurer, *pro tem.* made a report, which was accepted and ordered to be printed as an appendix to the Journal.

Resolved, That the adequate support of the Episcopate of this Diocese, requiring the exertions of all the members of the church, it be earnestly recommended to such of its members and friends as are not embraced within any existing parish, that they contribute to this object, directing their communications to the Treasurer, John Anderson, Esq. of Lagrange, who is hereby instructed to receive, appropriate and account for all sums that may thus come into his hands.

Ordered, That 400 copies of the Journal be printed and distributed under the direction of the Secretary.

Resolved, unanimously, That the Convention make grateful acknowledgments to the citizens of Columbia, for their kind hospitalities, and that this expression of thanks be published in the newspapers of this place.

Adjourned, *sine die.*

J. THOMAS WHEAT, *Sec'ty.*

[During the sittings of the Convention, the Church was opened for Divine Worship and preaching, three times a day.

On Thursday morning the Bishop delivered a discourse on Female Education. On Saturday morning, after a Funeral discourse by himself, on the

death of the Rev. Mr. Stephens, from the text selected by the deceased, Ecclesiastes xii. 1., the Bishop *confirmed three persons.*

The Annual Meeting of the "Domestic Missionary Society" was held on Saturday evening, on which occasion the Rev. Mr. Wheat preached.]

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity,

Since we last had the privilege of meeting together, as a council of the Church in this diocese, it has pleased God in his wise Providence, to remove from this scene of their earthly labors, two of our Brethren, who had part in this ministry in which we labor, and who were bound to us by many and endearing ties. The Rev. John Chilton died at his Father's in the month of September last, after a short illness, leaving a bereaved family to lament their irreparable loss, and the Church in Tennessee to mourn the departure of the minister who was first ordained within her borders, and who served faithfully in that ministry which he received of the Lord through her hands. By this providential dispensation the congregations near Brownsville and at Jackson, have been deprived of all ministerial assistance, and been left to mourn over a destitution which I fear they have but little ability to supply. The other case to which I alluded, was that of the Rev. Abednego Stephens, late President of Jefferson College, Mississippi. He finished his course, in full assurance of faith, and in the exercise of a perfect charity on the 26th of last February. By these solemn events, Brethren, we ought to feel seriously admonished to consider our latter end; to endeavor to cultivate such habits of piety and faithfulness in our callings, as that we may be prepared, whenever called on to give an account of our stewardship, with joy and not with sorrow. Besides sharing in the general warning which it has pleased God to send to our nation, in the removal of our Chief Magistrate, we should feel a more special interest in laying it to heart, from considering, that in the removal of these Brethren, bound to us by so many interesting recollections, we had received a previous call to be ready. God grant that as a diocese and as a nation the warning may not have been given in vain!

Many circumstances have conspired to prevent my attempting within the year past, the amount of labor, which it has been my endeavor heretofore to bestow upon the congregations of the diocese in the way of Episcopal visitations. The greater part of last summer was passed by me at the springs in Virginia, with the hope of regaining that health and strength which previous labors had greatly diminished. Upon reaching home in Sept., the improved state of my health seemed to justify appointments for visiting the congregations more remote from my residence: which appointments were accordingly made,

But it pleased God again to lay me upon a bed of sickness and thus to disappoint my wishes, until the approach of winter—a season unpropitious to the performance of such duties in our climate. In compliance with repeated invitations and a promise previously given, the months of February and March were employed in a visitation of the Churches in Florida. The greater part of April and May were devoted to the purpose of raising funds in New York and Philadelphia for the relief of the Columbia Female Institute. To this object I had been kindly invited by brethren in the Eastern cities, whose liberality to us I trust we shall never forget, as I pray it may be abundantly rewarded by Him who is the author and giver of all good things. The importance of the Institution itself as an efficient instrument in the cause of Christian education, combined with the earnest request of the Board of Trustees, seemed to justify the consumption of time and labor which I have devoted to it. These are the circumstances which have operated to withhold from the congregations of the diocese the usual care and attention which, from year to year, I have bestowed upon them. But, although my efforts have not been given to the special objects of my charge, I feel conscious that I have not been idle: on the contrary, with the exception of the period, when disabled by sickness, no year of my life has been more constantly and assiduously devoted than the last, to the promotion of what are deemed by us, the essential interests of our Church. To supply as far as possible the supposed advantages of Episcopal visitation, I addressed, during the last winter, a Pastoral letter, to the members of this diocese, upon the subject of Christian education. I may here repeat my conviction of the importance of this subject to the well-being of families and congregations, and express the earnest hope that it will not be forgotten!

The following is the account of my official duties performed since my last report to you:

Friday, 8th May, 1840. I delivered my second Charge to the clergy of the diocese, at La Grange, in accordance with the requisitions of the 27th Canon of the General Convention. In the afternoon of the same day, at the request of the Rector of the parish, I baptized four children.

May 9. After sermon in the morning, by Rev. Dr. Stephens, I confirmed three persons. In the afternoon the corner stone of Immanuel Church was laid by me, accompanied with suitable religious exercises, and an address delivered by Rev. Mr. Alston, in the presence of a large congregation. At night we were favored with the presence of Bishop Polk, who addressed the Church assembled, upon the duty of sustaining the Missionary work. A collection was made, which, with the yearly contributions to the diocesan Missionary Society, amounted to the sum of \$186 62 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Sunday 10. Morning prayer was read by Rev. Mr. Wheat, after which I preached, and admitted to the order of Priesthood the Rev. Edward Reed and the Rev. P. W. Alston. The congregation on this occasion was very large, and about one hundred persons remained to partake of the Holy communion. At night the usual services of prayer and preaching were performed and an infant baptized. It is hoped and believed that the exercises of the Convention week at La Grange, made a happy impression upon many minds in behalf of virtue and religion.

The Rev. Jno. H. Norment, during the month of June, having renounced the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church and declared it to be his intention not to officiate again in any of the offices thereof, I displaced him from the ministry according to the provisions of the 38th Canon of the General Convention, 1832.

Sunday, June 14. Preached morning and afternoon in Christ Church, Nashville, after prayers by Rev. Mr. Wheat.

Thursday 18th. Read prayers and preached in the afternoon in St. Paul's Church, Franklin. This Church has recently become a Missionary Station again, and the Rev. Mr. W. P. Saunders, appointed to it; he having been received into this diocese upon letters of dismission, from the Rt. Rev. Dr. Onderdonk, of Pennsylvania.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, of July 1, 2 and 3, I attended and assisted in the examination of the pupils of the Institute, and presented, in behalf of the Trustees and Directors, the usual testimonials of approved scholarship and deportment to nine young ladies, who had finished the prescribed course of study.

During my stay at the Virginia Springs, I was called on to perform services of different kinds, some of which I mention here since otherwise no record will probably be made of them. On Saturday the 29th of August, I baptized an adult, Thomas Jones Martin, whose burial I also attended at a subsequent day. On Saturday the 5th of September, I also baptized James H. O. Cary and Eliza E. Cary, children of Wm. and Ophelia Cary, at Lewisburg, Va.

October 7. Left home on a visit to Trinity Church, Clarksville, which place I reached on the 9th, and at night after prayer by Dr. Muller I preached.

October 10. Preached morning and at night after the usual religious exercises, and next day.

October 11. In addition to these services, administered the Lord's Supper to about 30 persons.

October 12. After prayer and preaching I confirmed one person. Returning from Clarksville I preached at Nashville in the forenoon and at night the 17th October.

October 18. Preached morning and afternoon: on the former occasion I baptized a child at the request of the rector—on the latter occasion, I confirmed 5 persons.

Sunday, October 25. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Polk, at my request, (being myself sick,) consecrated St. Mark's Church at Williamsport to the worship and service of Almighty God, with the rites and solemnities prescribed and according to the order of the Protestant Episcopal Church. This parish has since that time engaged the services, and it is hoped profitably, of the Rev. Wm. T. Leacock, who is supported in part, by an allowance from the Missionary Committee at New York.

December 16. Granted dismission letters to Rev. H. J. Leacock, transferring him to the diocese of New Jersey; which transfer has been accepted by Bishop Doane, and Mr. Leacock's canonical residence changed accordingly.

December 24. At night read prayers in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, and baptized two adults.

December 25. After prayers and the baptism of *four* children, I preached in the afternoon and confirmed *two persons*.

January 3, 1841. Read prayers and preached in the morning, and afternoon in St. Paul's Church, Franklin.

January 10. Preached at Trinity Church, Clarksville, after morning and evening prayer by Rev. Dr. Muller.

May 30. At Christ Church, Nashville, I preached morning and afternoon, baptized an infant and confirmed *five* persons.

This concludes the account of my official duties during the past year, with the exception of such as were performed out of the diocese on various occasions, the mention of which at this time is not deemed necessary.

The only changes made, not already stated, are the voluntary removal of Rev. William West from the parish of St. Andrews, for the want of sufficient support and encouragement to his labors. The Rev. Mr. Horrell, late of Ohio, has been received into this diocese and acknowledged as a Presbyter of the same upon letters of dismission from the Bishop of Ohio.

We have not a single candidate for orders: nor have we had for more than a year. In view of such a statement, I respectfully submit it to my brethren of the clergy whether it may not be proper to bring the subject of the ministry specially before their congregations, as a matter demanding the serious attention of the pious young men of the communion; it is vain and worse than vain to expect our increasing wants to be supplied from the Seminaries North and East of us. Some aid we may occasionally calculate upon, from these quarters, but the past shows that it will probably be always greatly disproportioned to our actual necessities.

Among other subjects of general interest connected with the history of the Church, it is deemed proper to mention here the consecration of the Rev. W. R. Whitingham, D. D., and of the Rev. Stephen Elliott, D. D. to the Episcopates respectively of Maryland and of Georgia. More recently still the Rev. Alfred Lee has been elected to the office of Bishop in Delaware. These facts afford pleasing evidence that the Church of the Redeemer is gaining strength and stability in our land. The General Convention is to meet in the ensuing October at New York. Certain alterations proposed to be made in the Constitution will then be acted on.

I will not detain you longer from the proper business which has brought us together. May God give us wise and understanding hearts, and direct us to such measures as may best tend to the promotion of his glory to the edification and well being of his Church and People.

Your affectionate Pastor,

JAMES H. OTEY,

BISHOP OF TENNESSEE.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, NASHVILLE.

The Rector of Christ Church, Nashville, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese, the following statement from the register of his parish:

Families,	{	Former number,	69	{	Total	64
		Removed,	8			
		Added past year,	4			
Marriages,						9
Funerals,						6
Baptised,	{	Adults,	{	Former number,	213	{ Total, 219 }
				Added past year,	6	
Confirmed,	{	Infants,	{	Former number,	135	{ Total 163 }
				Added past year,	28	
Communicants,	{	Former number,	74	{	Total,	84
		Added past year,	10			
Sunday School,	{	Teachers,	{	Male,	5	{
				Female,	12	Average atten-
		Scholars,	{	Male,	36	dance of both, }
				Female,	84	100
Church offerings past year,						\$536 37½
Alms and other contributions,						281 50
Paid in support of Episcopate,						237 50
Paid to the contingent fund of Convention,						50 00

Besides the usual services in his parish, the rector continues his visits to the State penitentiary, with most encouraging hopes of permanent usefulness. He has also made a tender of regular service to the Lunatic Asylum. The Weekly Lecture to the colored people is always well attended.

Immediately after the adjournment of the last Convention, I preached a series of discourses upon all the topics urged upon our attention in your second Charge on "Preaching the Gospel."

J. THOMAS WHEAT, *Rector.*

St. PETER'S CHURCH, COLUMBIA.

Families—Former number,	26
Several families have removed, and as many have been added to the congregation, leaving the present No.	26
Marriage, by Rt. Rev. Bishop Polk,	1
Burials, by myself,	
" by Bishop Polk, 1839, '40,	3 { Total, 5

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Baptism, { Adults, 8 } Total,
 Children, 23
 Reported to me by Bp. Polk, 1 Infant (white,) col. 23

Confirmed,

Communicants,	{ Former number,	38	4 } Total,
	Removed,	4	
	Died,	2	

{ Added, 15 }

Collections made monthly and amounting from \$8 to \$10 per month, appropriated by Vestry to parochial purposes.

Sunday School Teachers,	{ Male,	4 } Total,
	Female,	5 }

Sunday School Scholars	{ Male,	8 } Total,
	Female,	17 }

(Signed,) JAS. H. OTEY, Rector.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, LA GRANGE.

The Rector of Immanuel Church, La Grange, reports to the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese the following statement:

Families,	{ Former number,	20	0 } Present No.
	Removed,	0	
	Added past year,	5	

Marriages,

Funerals,

Baptisms,	{ Adults,	6 } Total,
	Children, (white) 9 (color'd),	3 }

Confirmed,

Communicants,	{ Former number,	35	11 } Total,
	Added,	11	
	Removed,	0	

Sunday Schools,	{ Teachers,	Male, 2 } Total,
		Female, 3 }
	{ Scholars,	Male, 14 } Total,
		Female, 8 }

Regular services have been held for the colored people, at which they attend regularly and appear much interested.

The offerings of the Parish are appropriated to the support of Episcopate.

Signed, SAMUEL G. LITTON, Rector.

CALVARY CHURCH, MEMPHIS.

The Rector of Calvary Church, Memphis, reports to the Bishop:

Baptisms—Adults 9, children 7—total,

Communicants,	{ Added by accession, 15 } 21	6 } Total,	
	Removal,		6 }
	Loss by removal, 7 }		8 }

{ Death, 1 }

Marriages,

Funerals,

Church offerings, about ten dollars monthly,

Paid in support of Episcopate,

" to contingent fund of Convention,

There are twelve candidates for confirmation.

P. W. ALSTON.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, RANDOLPH.

The Minister of St. Paul's Church, Randolph, respectfully reports to the Bishop of the Diocese, the following statement from the Register of his parish:

Families,

Baptisms,	{ Adults, (white,) 4 } Total,
	Infants, (white) 5, (color'd, 9) 1

	Reported to last Coavention,	22)		
Communicants,	{ Added, Died, Removed,	7 1 2)	Total,	26
Confirmed persons,				24
Marriages,	{ White, Colored,	1} 1)	Total,	2
Funerals,				6
Sunday School,	{ Teachers, Scholars,	Male, 3} Female, 4} Boys, 12} Girls, 20}	Total, Total,	7 39
Subscribers to Diocesan Missionary Society,				19

The monthly collections have been appropriated to the payment of the assessment for the support of the Episcopate.

During some part of the year services have been held on Sunday night for the negroes, which have uniformly been well attended.

EDWARD REED.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, BOLIVAR.

The Rector of St. James' Parish reports, that he has regularly performed service in the Female Academy, during the past year, and the congregation has generally been as large as could be accommodated. If we had a more spacious place for worship, our congregations would be much larger. There is still an increased interest manifested in the worship and doctrines of the Church, although opposition to us is greatly increased.

We would have had a Church edifice erected last fall, but our brick-kiln failed in burning, and it was too late in the season to burn another. But we have commenced active operations this Spring, and expect to burn our new kiln next week, and commence building immediately afterwards; the timbers are nearly all in readiness, and much of the wood-work is already prepared; hence, we may reasonably expect the house to be finished in a few months. Our means, indeed, are limited, but we are not asking any foreign aid.

Communicants, (4 added.)	-	-	-	12
Baptisms, (one adult.)	-	-	-	4
Marriages,	-	-	-	0
Funerals,	-	-	-	3
Confirmations, (some ready.)	-	-	-	0
Sunday School flourishing.	-	-	-	-

On the 27th of last February I was bereaved of my good son, whom I devoted to God at the altar, at Nashville, during the last Convention held there, as Hamilear devoted his son Hannibal, and I besought him to wage war with his spiritual enemies, and never to lay down his arms till he gained the victory. His warfare was short; I hope his victory is won.

I had fondly hoped he would have been of much use to the community, and the staff of my declining years. But I feel like an aged oak, deprived of its leaves and branches, and almost ready to crumble down to dust! The Lord's will be done. "I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me."

All which is respectfully submitted by

DANIEL STEPHENS.

TRINITY CHURCH, CLARKSVILLE.

The Rector of Trinity Church, Clarksville, reports to the Bishop:

Families,	-	-	-	18
Communicants,	{ Former number, Removed, Died, Added,	18 2 1 1}	Total,	19
Confirmations,	-	-	-	1

Indoor Baptisms.	11
Marriages.	3
Deaths.	6

CHURCHES AND CLERGY.	
Sessions recently performed in this place by ministers.	2
Indoor baptisms.	2
Clauses.	2

A. A. MULLER.

ST. MARY'S PARISH, WILLIAMSPORT.

The Rector of St. Mary's Church, Williamsport, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese the following statistics:

Families.	16
{ Number reported at the Dioc. Convention. { Number shown by the present number.	10
(Number reported to the Dioc. Convention, 12)	
{ Dead. { Buried. { Suspended. { Admitted.	1 2 1 2
Communions.	Total, 10
Baptisms.	36
{ White. { Colored, Africa.	16 20
Marriages.	2
Sunday School.	13
{ Teachers. { Scholars.	1 12

A second service on Sunday is held especially for the colored people.

W.M. TH: LEACOCK.

ST. ANDREWS, FAYETTE COUNTY.

The undersigned labored as a missionary in St. Andrew's Parish, from 1st January, 1844, to 1st January, 1848; but he is sorry to state that he accomplished little for the Church, owing to the prevalence of a contentious spirit amongst its professed friends. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was not once administered during the year. I performed occasional services, by invitation, at La Grange, Randolph and Brownsville. At this last named place, I had to perform the painful duty of preaching a funeral discourse upon the death of our much-esteemed and useful fellow-laborer, the Rev. John Chilton.

Since January I have been in your parish, assisting Rev. Mr. Horrell in supplying the pulpit, during your absence. I have also preached at Franklin and at Williamsport.

THOMAS WEST.

To Rt. Rev. J. H. Oney, D.D.

APPENDIX.

A.

The undersigned, Treasurer, *pro tem.* reports that J. Anderson, the Treasurer, forwarded the subjoined statement of the Fund for the support of the Episcopate:

Statement of amount received on account of the Episcopate since the Convention 1840, and paid over to the Bishop.

TRINITY CHURCH, CLARKSVILLE.

Received assessment for September 1839, and March and Sept., 1840, \$45 00

CALVARY CHURCH, MEMPHIS.

Received assessment for September, 1840, and March, 1841, 80 00

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, FAYETTE.

Received assessment for September, 1840, 10 00

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, BOLIVAR.

Received assessment for March and September, 1840, 30 00

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, RANDOLPH.

Received assessment for September, 1840, 25 00
Received do for the whole of 1841, 110 00—135 00

IMMANUEL CHURCH, LAGRANGE.

Received assessment for the year 1840, 100 00
Received do in part for March, 1841, 75 00—175 00

CHRIST CHURCH, NASHVILLE.

Received in part of assessment for March, 1840, 100 00

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSON.

Received in part for arrearages up to 1840, 127 00

During the sitting of this Convention, the Treasurer, *pro tem.* has received from

St. James' Church, Bolivar, 25 00
Christ Church, Nashville, 137 50

Amount now in his hands \$435 00

Mr. Anderson also forwarded the following account of the Contingent fund:
 Dr. *Contingent Fund in acc't current with J. Anderson.* Cr.

1840.		1840.	
May, To am't paid over to Rev. Mr. Wheat,	\$ 90 00	May, By am't rec'd at the Com- vention of 1840, as pr. acc't. rendered,	\$ 90 00
" am't of Draft on St. Peter's and Calvary churches, remitted to the Rev. Mr. Wheat,	40 00	" am't of Draft on St. Peter's ch. Columbia,	30 00
" bal'c on hand,	20 00	" do. on Trinity church, Clarksville,	10 00
	<hr/>	" am't rec'd of Imman- uel ch. Lagrange,	20 00
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	\$ 150 00		\$ 150 00
		1841.	
		Jan. By bal'c on hand,	\$ 30 00

ADDENDA.

Dr. *Contingent Fund in acc't with J. H. Thomas.* Cr.

1841.		1841.
July 3. To cash paid Rev. Mr. Wheat,	\$ 50 00	July 3. By am't rec'd from Cal- vary ch., Memphis, \$ 30 00
" cash p'd Bp. Otey,	20 00	" St. Paul's, Randolph, 30 00
" am't in hands of Mr. Anderson,	30 00	" Immanuel, Lagrange, 30 00
	<hr/>	" St. James', Bolivar, 10 00
	\$ 100 00	" Christ ch., Nashville, 50 00
		" Trinity, Clarksville, 20 00
		" St. Peter's, Columbia, 50 00
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		\$ 220 00
		" am't appropriated, 100 00
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		\$ 120 00

JAMES H. THOMAS, *Treasurer pro tem.*

B.

DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

S. P. Walker, *Treasurer, in acc't.*

To balance as per Report May, 1840,	\$ 47 62
" am't of collection from subscribers and others at Lagrange,	186 63
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	\$ 234 25

1841.	
July 5, To amount of collection from subscribers and others at Co- lumbia,	127 12½
Amount in his hands,	<hr/>
	\$ 361 37½

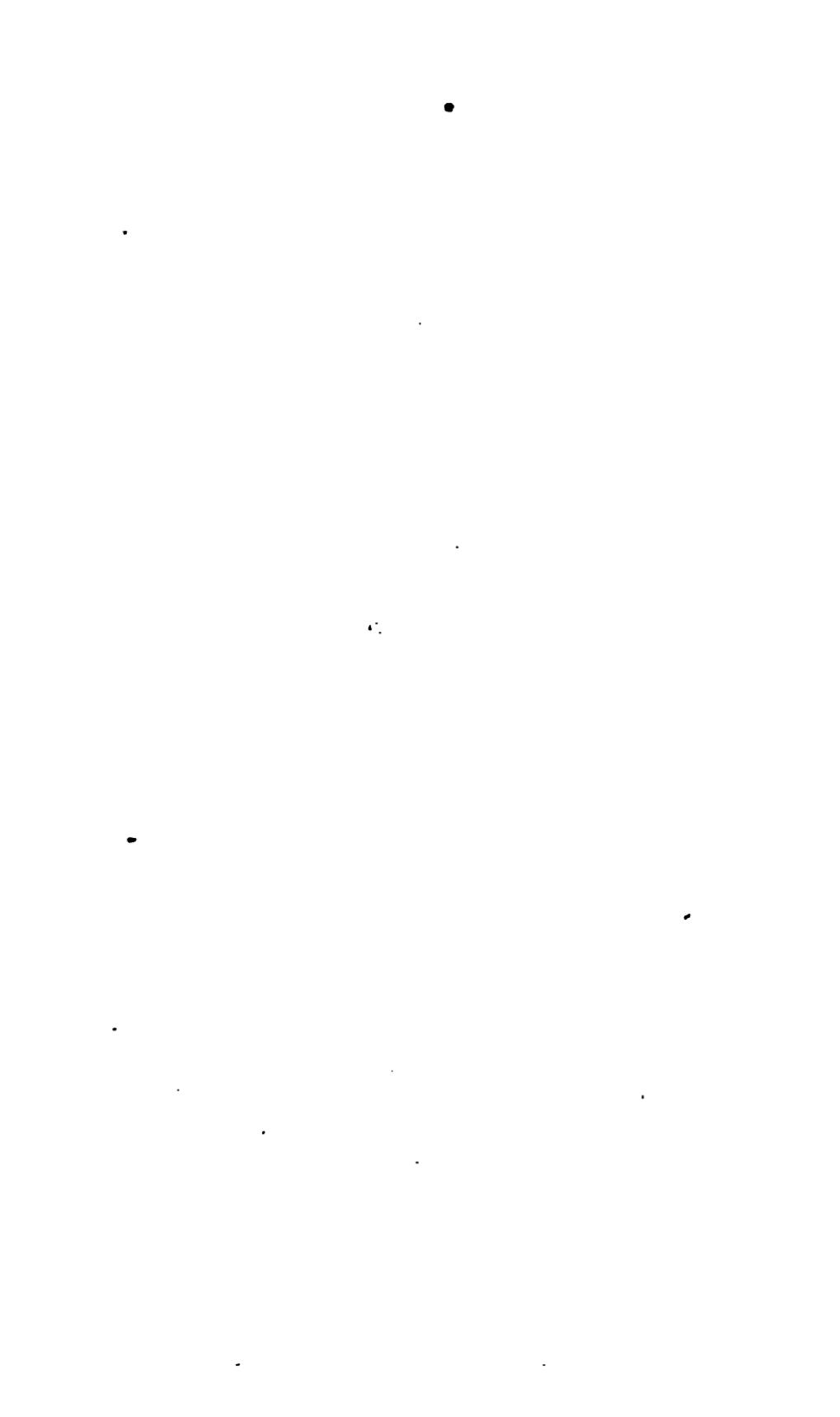
S. P. WALKER, *Treasurer.*

List of subscriptions paid to the Treasurer of the Domestic Missionary Society.

Bishop Otey,	\$ 2 00	Mrs. Wormley,	\$ 2 00
Rev. Mr. Litton,	2 00	" McDowell,	2 00
" " Reed,	2 00	Edmund Frierson,	2 00
" " Wheat,	2 00	Miss Harrison,	2 00
" " Leacock,	2 00	" Jane C. Walker,	2 00
Bishop Polk,	2 00	" M. E. Walker,	2 00
Mrs. F. A. Polk,	2 00	" Eliza Dickinson,	2 00
" Newman,	2 00	Dr. Dickinson,	10 00
" Alston, sen'r.	2 00	Mrs. Wm. H. Polk,	2 00
Miss M. H. Alston,	2 00	James M. Walker,	2 00
" do. jr.	2 00	Dr. Polk and wife,	4 00
" Emma Polk,	2 00	S. P. Walker and wife	10 00
A. O. Harris and wife,	4 00	Miss M. Wilson,	2 00
W. H. Stephens,	2 00	Gen'l Jones,	4 00
J. Knox Walker,	2 00		
The Mimes Ludlows,	4 00		
		Collection in St. Peter's church,	\$ 84 00
			43 87
			\$ 127 87

The next Annual CONVENTION will meet at Bolivar, on the second Wednesday in May.





JOHN ANDERSON, Esq., of LAGRANGE,

Treasurer of Diocese

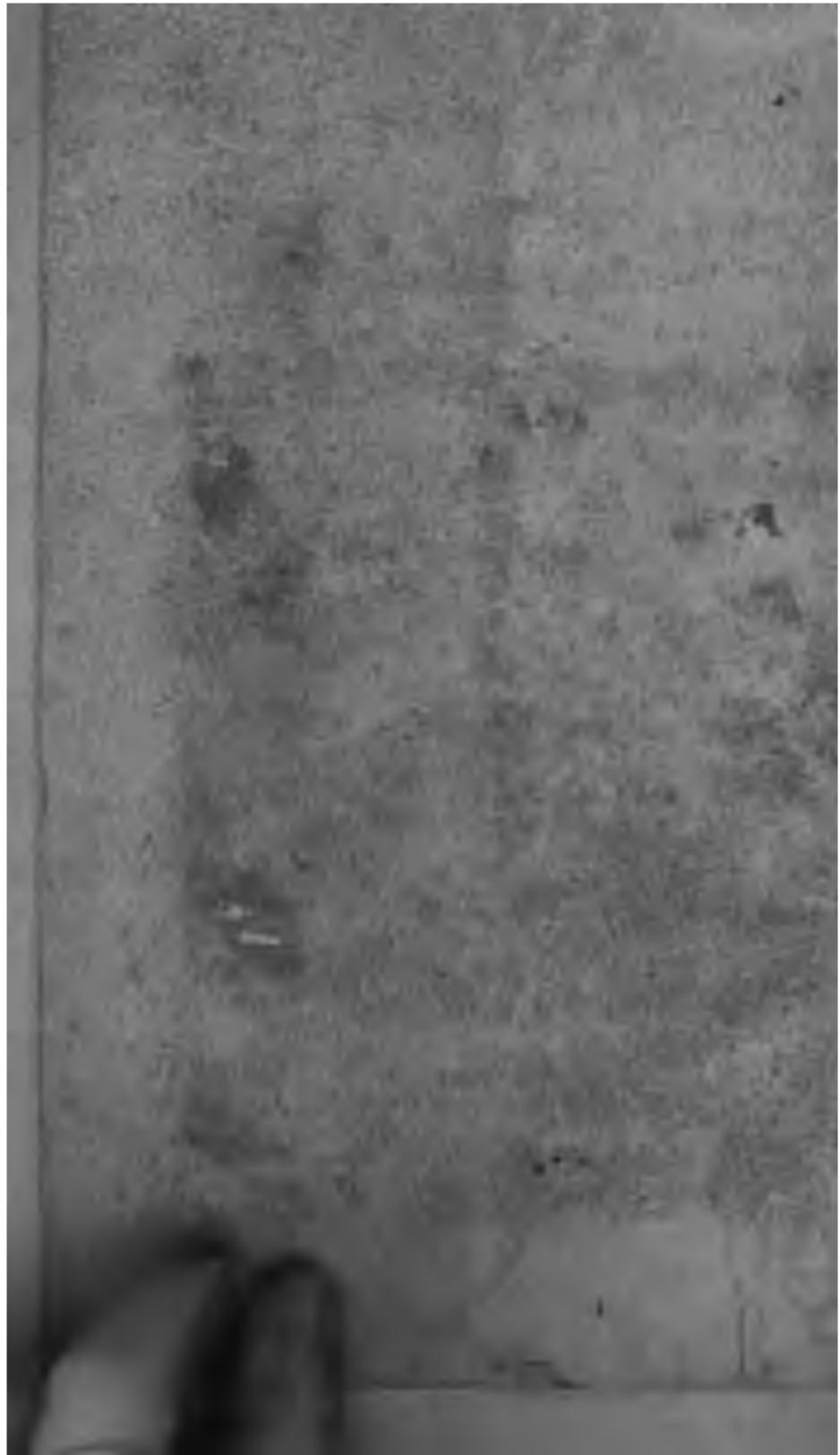
SAMUEL P. WALKER, Esq., of COLUMBIA,

Treasurer of Missionary Committee

REV. J. THOMAS WHEAT, of NASHVILLE,

Secretary of Convention, &c., &c., Vice-Chairman Standing Committee





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CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE.

The Right Rev. JAMES HERVEY OTEY, D. D., DIOCESAN, The Rev. PHILIP WILLIAM ALSTON, " " THOMAS HORRELL, " " Wm. THOMAS LEACOCK, " SAMUEL GEORGE LITTON, " EDWARD REED, " *FRANKLIN GILLETT SMITH;	The Rev. DANIEL STEPHENS, D. D., " THOMAS WEST, " J. THOMAS WHEAT, " W. P. SAUNDERS, Deacon. " E. H. CRESSEY, " O. H. STAPLES.
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*Not in attendance at this Convention.

†Officiating in the Diocese, but not yet canonically resident.

LAY REPRESENTATION OF PARISHES IN CONVENTION.

<i>Christ Church</i> , Nashville,	<i>None.</i>
<i>St. Paul's</i> , Franklin,	<i>None,</i>
<i>St. Peter's</i> , Columbia,	{ <i>SAMUEL P. WALKER,</i> ISaac J. THOMAS, Jr.,
<i>Trinity</i> , Clarksville,	{ <i>T. W. FRAZIER,</i> JOHN ANDERSON,
<i>Immanuel</i> , La Grange,	{ <i>J. W. BURTON,</i> THOMAS BOOTH,
<i>Calvary</i> , Memphis,	{ <i>DURANT HATCH,</i> THOMAS R. POLK,
<i>St. Paul's</i> , Randolph,	{ <i>ADLAI O. HARRIS,</i> E. P. McNEAL,
<i>St. James'</i> Bolivar,	{ <i>GEORGE B. PETERS,</i> THOMAS C. JONES,
<i>St. Luke's</i> Jackson,	{ <i>WILLIAM H. STEPHENS,</i> <i>None,</i>
<i>Zion</i> , Brownsville,	<i>None,</i>
<i>St. Mark's</i> , Williamsport,	<i>None,</i>
<i>St. Andrew's</i> , Fayette County,	<i>None</i>



JOURNAL.

The FOURTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH in the Diocese of Tennessee, assembled at Bolivar, in St. James's Church, at 10 o'clock in the morning of Wednesday, May 11th, 1842.

The Right Rev. the Bishop having opened the Convention with prayers, caused the list of the Clergy entitled to seats to be read:—of whom there were present the Rev. Messrs. Stephens, West and Alston.

Certificates of the election of lay-delegates from the several parishes having been called for, it appeared that there had been appointed from

St. Peter's, Columbia, Samuel P. Walker, Isaac Thomas, jr.

Trinity, Clarksville, Thomas W. Frazier.

Immanuel, La Grange, John Anderson, John W. Burton, Thos. Booth.
St Luke's, Jackson, Hon. T. Read, Rot. C. Brinckley, W. H. Stephens, of whom there were present, and answering to their names, Messrs. Frazier, Thomas, Anderson and Stephens.

The Rev. J. T. Wheat was re-elected Secretary for the next Conventional year, and not being in attendance, the Rev. Mr. Alston was appointed Secretary *pro tempore*.

The Convention being duly organized, *resolved*, on motion, to adopt for its government the Rules of Order of the last Convention.

The Convention then adjourned, as required by canon, for the purpose of attending divine service and a sermon;—the hour of re-assembling being fixed at half past three in the afternoon.

[Morning prayer was said by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. E. H. Cressey, rector elect of Trinity Church, Clarksville:—and the Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Alston, from 1 *Thess. I. 21.*]

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The Rev. Mr. Litton appeared in his seat.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Litton, the Rev. Messrs. Cressey of Clarksville and Staples of Jackson, not canonically resident in the Diocese, were unanimously invited to seats in the Convention.

A certificate in due form was presented, setting forth the appointment of E. P. M'Neil, George B. Peters, and Thomas C. Jones, as delegates of St. James Church, Bolivar: who appeared and took their seats.

Convention then adjourned to meet at 8th o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, 8th o'clock, A. M.

Convention met. Present as on yesterday, with the addition of the Rev. Mr. Reed. Prayer by the Bishop.

Certificates in due form were presented, showing that Durant Hatch and Thomas R. Polk were appointed delegates from Calvary Church, Memphis; and also Adlai O. Harris, Kiffin Smythe, and Joseph Sands, from S. Pauls, Randolph. Messrs. Hatch and Harris answered to their names.

The Bishop then laid on the table the *Parochial Reports*, which were read by the Secretary.

CHRIST CHURCH, NASHVILLE.

The Rector of Christ Church, Nashville, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese, the following statement from the register of his parish:

Families,	{ Former number, Added past year, Removed;	64 6 8	Total,	62
Marriages, Funerals,				11 13
Baptised,	{ Adults, { Former number, Added past year, Removed and died, Infants, { Former number, Added past year, Removed and died Confirmed, { Former number, Added past year, Removed and died, Communicants, { Former number, Added past year, Removed and died, S. School { Teachers, { Male, Female, Scholars, { Male, Female, Church offerings for the past year, 931 Alms and other contributions, 229 Support of the Episcopate, 100 Contingent Fund of Convention, 20	224 163 174 84 96 5 77 26 21 5 10 35 61	Total, 98	105 82 111
				874 25 00 00

JNO. THOS. WHEAT.

ST. PAULS FRANKLIN.

No Report.

ST. PETERS, COLUMBIA.

Families,	{ Former number, Removed,	26 4	Total,	22
Burials,				2
Baptisms,	{ Adults, Children,	3 7	Total,	10
Confirmed,				8
Communicants,	{ Former number, Removed, Died, Added,	47 10 1 7	Total;	43

Sunday School Teachers—Male,		3}	Total;	7
Female,		4}		
Pupils,				40

Monthly collections, about \$7 00—appropriated to parochial purposes.

The undersigned resigned the charge of this parish in January last, and he regrets to state that the vestry have not yet been able to obtain a successor.

JAS. H. OTEY.

TRINITY CHURCH, CLARKSVILLE.

The undersigned entered upon the temporary charge of this parish in the month of December last, and at Easter accepted their invitation to the rectorship. The condition of the parish seemed, for the time, exceedingly unpromising, but it is earnestly hoped that, under the blessing of the great Head of the Church, the obstacles in the way of success may be removed.

Services have been held regularly twice on each Sunday, and during the season of Lent a weekly lecture in addition. Morning prayers daily during Passion week, were well attended.

Communicants,	{ Former number, Added 7, Restored 1,	16 8	Total,	23
Baptisms—Infants,	Withdrawn,	1		
				3

E. H. CRESSEY, *Rector Elect.*

IMMANUEL CHURCH, LA GRANGE.

The rector of Immanuel Church, La Grange, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese the annexed statement from the parish register.

Families,	{ Former number, Removed, Added,	25 5 8	Present number,	28
Marriages,				2
Funerals,				5
Baptisms,	{ Adults, Children, white 4, col'd 2	1 2	Total,	7
Confirmed,				2
Communicants,	{ Former number, Died 3, removed 6, Added,	46 9 12	Present number,	49
Sunday School—Teachers, Male 2, Female 3, Scholars, Males 9, Females 5,				5 14
Bible Class—Number attending,				20

There are ten candidates for confirmation.

SAML. J. LITTON, *Rector.*

CALVARY CHURCH, MEMPHIS.

The rector of Calvary Church, Memphis, reports to the Bishop the following statement, compiled from his register:—

Baptized, (6 adults, 12 children.)		18
Confirmed,		17
Communicants,	{ 49 reported to last Convention, 34 added, 18 by removal, (12 removed, 3 departed this life.)	Total, 61
Marriages,		4
Funerals,		8

Sunday School—6 teachers, pupils about 25.

Paid, assessment for the Episcopate, \$100 00
for contingent expenses, 15 00

Assessments prior to 1839, in arrear until the last Convention, and payment not appearing on the journal, 150 00

Eucharistic offerings, about 12 dollars monthly.

Services were held on the Litany days through Lent, and daily in Passion week.

The insufficiency of accommodation for worship is severely felt, insomuch that in the midst of pecuniary difficulty hitherto unprecedented, efforts are making to provide for the erection of a church, and some confidence is entertained that it will be accomplished within a year.

The U. S. Arsenal having to be disposed of by the Government, a zealous layman made a proposal on his personal responsibility, with a view to the establishment of such an institution as has long been an object of special desire in the Church. It was accepted, but being clogged with an unexpected condition on the part of the Government which would have made the place unfit for the end in contemplation, the good work was frustrated.

P. W. ALSTON, *Rector.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, RANDOLPH.

The minister of St. Paul's, Randolph, respectfully reports to the Bishop of the Diocese the following statement:—

Families,		17
Baptisms—Adults 1, Infants 11,		12
Communicants, { Reported to last Convention, 26	12	
{ Added, 10	33	
{ Died 2, Removed 1, 3		
Confirmed,		12
Marriages,		1
Funerals,		1
Sunday School—Teachers 5, Scholars 25.		

Church offerings between five and ten dollars monthly—appropriated to the support of the Episcopate.

A Bible class has met during a part of the year: and services were held for the negroes on Sunday night during the winter.

EDW. REED.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, BOLIVAR.

To the Rt. Rev. James H. Oley, D. D., Bishop of Tennessee:

Our service has been held regularly, during the last Conventional year, in the Female Academy. By great exertions we have gotten our Church edifice plastered and painted, and capable of entertaining the Convention. We have only a temporary Pulpit and borrowed Pews. We have received a large bell and two astral lamps, as a present from Philadelphia.

I am apprehensive we shall not get the Church completed shortly, as the Vestry are somewhat in arrears, and it would require upwards of three hundred dollars to finish it.

Baptisms,	5	Confirmation,	1
Funerals,	2	Communicant added,	1
Marriages,	1		
Sunday School—Scholars during the last summer, above		50	
Collected for Domestic Missions,		\$ 10	
<i>All of which is respectfully submitted by</i>			

DANIEL STEPHENS, *Rector.*

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSON.

Of the parish of St. Luke's Church, Jackson, I can report only for the last five months, during which time I have officiated here. Within this time 7 children have been baptized, 4 persons confirmed, and one child buried. Present number of communicants, eleven.

This parish had been deprived of the services of the Church for a long time previous to my coming; and by this circumstance, as well as by some deaths and removals and pecuniary losses, the strength of the Church had become much impaired. There is, however, some zeal and hope in the remaining friends which give promise of future good.

O. H. STAPLES, *Officiating Minister.*

REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY IN WEST TENNESSEE.

To the Rt. Rev. James H. Otey, D. D., Bishop of Tennessee:

The last Conventional year has been a year of considerable debility and hard labor to the Missionary; yet attended with many mercies, and some encouragements. His field has been the counties of Haywood, Fayette, Tipton and Madison, and his rides from twenty to fifty miles from place to place. His services, when health would permit, have been two or three times a week, in dwellings, school-houses, or some place of worship. In every place, as far as I could discover, the Lord gave me favor in the sight of the people, so that my poor labors have not been in vain in the Lord. I made one visit to Mississippi. St. Andrews seems to give some hope: the congregation seems to improve, and they express an intention to repair their place of worship; but in the pressure of the times, perplexity and anxiety are found everywhere. My health is declining, and like all my predecessors, I must shortly submit to age and infirmities.

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Respectfully submitted, by		

THOMAS WEST, *Missionary.*

REPORT OF THE RECTOR OF THE FEMALE INSTITUTE.

The rector of the Columbia Female Institute, in compliance with his canonical obligations, very respectfully reports to the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese:

That the delicate state of his health during much of the past year, has prevented his doing as much in the way of supplying the vacant parish of this town, as his feelings have prompted him to desire.

The Institute under his care is evidently growing in the public favor and confidence, and is not without indications of the blessing of God being vouchsafed to accompany the labors of our teachers, in the great cause of education upon Christian principles. The religious training of such of our pupils as do not reside in the Institute, must, of course, be chiefly left to the care of their friends and relations at home. The ordinary business of the school is sanctified by daily morning and evening prayer, and other religious exercises. The leisure hours of Sunday are specially devoted to such studies as help to a better understanding of the Scriptures, and the happy effects of these pursuits are very manifest. The Institution family—never so numerous as at present—are evidently growing not merely in the amiable dispositions that adorn society, but in the religious graces that prepare the soul for a blessed immortality.

F. G. SMITH, *Rector.*

The Bishop then read his Annual Address to the Convention as follows:

A D D R E S S.

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

Permitted in the good providence of God to reassemble once more to confer about the interests of that portion of Christ's Church, with the oversight and care of which we are charged, our devout and grateful acknowledgments are due to the gracious Giver of all blessings, for that measure of prosperity which our congregations have all enjoyed during the past ecclesiastical year. In the midst of unexampled difficulty and perplexity in temporal concerns, our churches in many instances appear to have been blessed with seasons "of refreshing from the Lord." While fears have been expressed sometimes by members of our communion at a distance, and more frequently by others who have "gone out from us, because they were not of us," that the peace and unity of our Zion were in danger; we have been mercifully preserved from all grounds of just alarm, and our brethren, "walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the com-

fort of the Holy Ghost, have been multiplied." Wherever during the past year the "incorruplicable word of truth" has been regularly preached, and the sacraments duly administered, there we have had occasion to rejoice over the conversion of sinners, and the increase of vital godliness among professed believers. Such being the case, and having been always, as a general rule, our course is obviously a plain one as to the line of duty. We are to "preach Christ crucified—Christ the wisdom of God and the power of God." We are to declare the whole counsel of God, and yet "to teach nothing as necessary to eternal salvation, but that which may be concluded and proved by the Scripture;" and we are faithfully to "minister the doctrine and sacraments, and the discipline of Christ, as the Lord hath commanded, and as this Church hath received the same according to the commandments of God." It is a true mark of the Holy Catholic Church, that the Faith which she teaches is ~~one~~ all over the world—that it varies not from that which was first delivered to the saints, and is identical with that professed in the Primitive Church. This Faith is set forth and exhibited in these two venerable forms or confessions, called the Apostles' and the Nicene Creed, which are embodied in the daily service of the Church. As long as our ministers and people shall honestly and faithfully adhere to these, all attempts at dividing the Church and disturbing the peace of our Zion, whether made externally or by those within her pale, must prove abortive.

I proceed to narrate the official services in which I have been engaged since we last met in Convention. July 3, 1841, I confirmed three persons in St. Peter's Church, Columbia; and from this time was engaged in parochial duties of various kinds at Columbia and in the neighborhood till August 15th, on which day I left home for Clarksville, to attend the trial of the Rev. A. A. Muller, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church. I was employed in this most unpleasant duty from the 18th to the 20th of August inclusive. The accused was found guilty upon every charge and specification preferred against him; whereupon I found myself called pronounce upon him the sentence of degradation from the ministry. I should here dismiss this subject without further remark, were it not that Dr. Muller has thought proper to publish to the world a statement, in which he complains of injustice in the course of proceedings against him, and of severity in the judgment rendered in his case. The utmost latitude was allowed to him in the introduction of whatever testimony he thought necessary to his vindication—a patient hearing was given to all he had to say in his defense, and I know that there existed with those brethren whom he himself selected to sit in judgment on his conduct, every disposition to make allowances in his favor, for the infirmities of human nature. Under these circumstances, well known to himself, I regard his pamphlet not only as a perversion but also as a suppression of the truth, and as furnishing in itself conclusive evidence to confirm the justice of the verdict against him.

Sept. 12. I visited St. Mark's Church, Williamsport, under the pastoral charge of the Rev. W. T. Leacock. On this occasion I delivered addresses upon the subject of baptism and confirmation; baptized two adults, eight children, and confirmed five persons.

Sept 18. I left home to attend the General Convention. Sept 19. Preached in the morning and afternoon in Christ Church, baptized an infant at the request of the Rector, and confirmed thirteen persons. From October 6th till 19th I was in my place in the House of Biahops, attending the General Convention. As the proceedings of this body have been spread before the Church by the distribution of its published Journal, it is not deemed requisite here to refer to its various acts. During the session the Rev. Dr. Lee was consecrated to the Episcopate of Delaware, making the present number of the House of Biahops twenty. It is proper also to mention here that a resolution was passed by the General Convention requesting the Presiding Biahop to appoint the Biahop of this Diocese to the charge of the missionary work in Arkansas and the Indian country south of N. latitude 36, which had become vacant by the election of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Polk to the Episcopate of Louisiana. Feeling doubtful as to the line of duty which the passage of this resolution seemed to impose, I reserved the acceptance of the charge to further deliberation and advisement with the church in the diocese. On returning home and taking the subject into consideration and hearing the opinion of friends, it was believed by me that I could for a time at least assume the charge of the missionary work without detriment to the interests of this diocese, and probably not without advantage to the church in Arkansas. Having signified to the presiding Bishop my willingness to take the position indicated by the resolution of the General Convention, I received from him the requisite authority, and during the past winter, have visited a portion of Arkansas, in prosecution of the duties of missionary Bishop.

Nov. 14. I preached in the morning and at night in St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg, Va., baptized an adult and confirmed *twenty-four* persons.—As these services were performed out of the limits of my official jurisdiction, it may be proper to explain the reasons and circumstances under which I acted: The Rt. Rev. Bishop Moore had visited Lynchburg for the performance of Episcopal duties, when a sudden and fatal attack of sickness terminated his long, useful and exemplary life, depriving his children of a most affectionate father—his diocese of a faithful Pastor, and the Church at large of one of its most aged and loved Bishops. I arrived at Lynchburg in company with one of his daughters in the evening of the day on which he died. It had been our hope to stand by his bed of suffering and pain, and sooth as far as we might, his last hours. But Heaven in its wisdom had otherwise appointed, and we were denied the privilege of seeing how the good man could die. As his life had been distinguished by fidelity in his master's service, so his end was PEACE. In compliance with a request from the vestry, conveying what was understood to be the wish of the minister of the parish who was absent, and of the deceased Bishop, I found a melancholy satisfaction in taking his place the following Sunday, and administering the rite of confirmation to those who indeed loved him with the affection of children.

Nov. 29. I confirmed *seven* persons in Christ Church, Nashville.

Dec. 19. Visited St. Paul's Church, Franklin, under the care of Rev. Mr. Saunders, and preached morning and afternoon. The official acts

performed during this visitation were the baptism of two children and the confirmation of *five* persons.

Dec. 25. At St. Peter's Church, Columbia, I baptized three adults and confirmed five persons.

Jan. 4, 1842. Preached in the morning and afternoon at Christ Church, Nashville, and confirmed *five* persons. On this occasion I also baptized an adult.

The diocese of Mississippi having been by the vote of its convention, placed under my Episcopal charge and supervision, I left home on the 18th of January, on a visitation of the Church in that diocese, intending to visit the congregations in the Western District on my way.

Jan. 26. Reached Randolph early this morning and had the pleasure of meeting the Rev. Mr. Reed, Rector of the parish, and the Rev. Mr. West, general missionary in the Western District.

Jan. 27. Rode to the neighborhood of Ravenscroft Chapel, and spent the day and night at Mrs. Alstons. Friday 28. Having returned to Randolph to-day, the Rev. Mr. Reed read prayers at night in St. Paul's Church and I preached on "the importance of Christian Education."

Saturday 28. After prayers by Mr. Reed, I preached on "the witness which God has given of his Son." Sunday 30. Mr. Reed read morning prayer, after which I preached and administered the rite of confirmation to *twelve* persons. In the afternoon I read prayers and baptized an infant. The Rev Mr. West preached. The increase made to the Church at this place under the ministry of Mr. Reed is of the most encouraging character: and the only regret felt, mingling itself with the feelings of pleasure with which I viewed the prosperous state of this congregation, arose from the fear that the Church here was likely to lose the services of their much-loved and faithful pastor. He has been invited to a distant and more enlarged field of usefulness, and convictions of duty impel him to yield to what, under the circumstances, appears to be a call of Divine Providence.

Having left Randolph on the 31st, I proceeded by way of Memphis to Hernando, in Mississippi; and after a fatiguing journey returned to Memphis. Sunday, February 6, Rev. Mr. Alston read prayers in the morning and at night, on both of which occasions I preached. In the forenoon I confirmed *twelve* persons, and in the afternoon confirmed a sick person a short distance in the country. Our house of worship at this place is much too small to accommodate the persons who are desirous of attending our services, and it is greatly to be desired that the efforts which the vestry are now making to collect funds for the erection of a suitable church, may be speedily successful. Leaving Memphis on the 7th, I proceeded towards La Grange, which place I reached on Ash Wednesday. Feb. 9. Prayers were read by Rev. Mr. Litton in the morning, afternoon and at night, at which times I also preached. At night I confirmed *two* persons. There were others ready and desirous of receiving this rite, but the heavy rains which had recently fallen had so washed the road and destroyed the bridges in every direction, that travelling was rendered exceedingly difficult and unpleasant, so that several persons were, in consequence, prevented from attending worship. After visiting Holly Springs,

I returned to Memphis again on the 15th, in company with Rev. Mr. Litton.

Wednesday, 16th. After morning prayers by Mr. Alston, I preached and confirmed four persons. From this time until the last week in April, I was engaged in the performance of Episcopal offices in Arkansas and Mississippi; a report of which has been made to the Domestic Committee of Missions, and to the Convention of Mississippi. On the 23d of April I reached Clarksville, and on Sunday, 24th, after prayers by the Rev. Mr. Cressey in the morning and at night, I preached to large congregations. Arrangements have been made for the settlement in this place of the Rev. E. H. Cressey, a Presbyter from Western New York, and the friends of the Church are rapidly recovering from the state of depression and discouragement into which they were thrown by the unworthy conduct of the former Rector, Dr. Muller. The prospect of the parish for increase of numbers to the communion, and for growth in piety and godliness, in the faithful use of the means of grace through preaching of the word and due administration of the sacraments, were never so good at any previous time as at present. A member of the Church at Clarksville, who has already contributed largely to the erection and completion of the church edifice there, has recently added another to the many instances of his liberal support of the Church and her institutions, by contracting for the erection of a house on the same lot with the church, to serve as a Parsonage. The name of the individual is not mentioned here, because I would not diminish from the satisfaction he enjoys in the consciousness of doing a good work, by proclaiming him as the voluntary and unsolicited mover in it. Fulfilling the precepts to do good, his conduct illustrates that other injunction of the Gospel which forbids us to "let our left hand know what our right doeth." It is thought that all arrangements for the removal and settlement of Mr. Cressey and family from Western New York to Clarksville, may be completed by the last of September, when he expects to enter upon the regular discharge of his duties as Rector of Trinity Church. He has officiated at Clarksville since last December without interruption, and much to the satisfaction of those to whom he has ministered.

May 8. Reached Jackson this morning, in charge at present of the Rev. O. H. Staples, who removed to this diocese last December, bringing letters dimissory from the Rt. Rev. Dr. Hopkins of Vermont. Being without any Church edifice at Jackson, our services are celebrated in the court house. The Rev. Mr. Cressey read prayers in the morning, and I preached: in the afternoon, after prayers by the same, I preached, and then confirmed four persons. These are the first fruits of Mr. Staples' ministry in Tennessee, an earnest, I trust, of the rich and abundant harvest he is yet to reap, by God's blessing, from his future labors.

Before closing this address, I wish to call the attention of the laity especially, to a subject which, viewed in every way, demands their most serious consideration. I refer to the provision to be made by them for the adequate support of the ministry. I am well aware that a time of great pecuniary distress and embarrassment has come upon the country; and it may, for that reason, be thought an unpropitious season to urge this topic upon

your attention. But that very circumstance constitutes one of the main reasons for calling it up to your notice: for the hardness of the times is felt as sensibly, perhaps more so, by clergymen than by any other class. In the scarcity of money, others have, nevertheless, the necessary comforts of life; but if the stipulated stipend for his labor is withheld from the clergyman, he and his family must go without bread and meat. I do not feel that any apology is necessary for calling your attention, and that of our congregations throughout the diocese, to this subject. It is one confessedly of great importance, and one in which there is great need of some regular, well-understood, and established course of action on the part of vestries and others. The voluntary system, as it is called, for the maintenance of the clergy, is an experiment which is looked to with no little anxiety as to its result, by men in foreign lands, as well as by the citizens of our own country. It is a system which our form of civil government necessarily forces upon our adoption, and it has for its recommendation at least the example and practice of Primitive Christianity. Surely it can be necessary only to glance at such considerations as these, in order to secure to it the patient attention and thoughts of the friends and members of our communion.

It will also be borne in mind, that the support of the ministry is a subject which has very seldom been brought before you in the way of discussion. Whatever may be the defects of our ministrations, it will hardly be charged upon us as a fault that we importune the people of our cure in our public discourses for support, or weary them by unreasonable applications.

The Apostle did not deem it unbecoming to remind the Christians of his day of their duty in this particular, and even to enforce the justice of his claims by a reference to divine authority. "*Who goeth a warfare at any time at his own charges? Who planteth a vineyard and eateth not the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock and eateth not the milk of the flock? Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt this is written: that he that plougheth should plough in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing, if we shall reap your carnal things?*" Thus it would appear that the principles of natural justice as embodied in the law of Moses, which required kindness to be shown to inferior animals when employed in labor, also obliged men not to receive the labor of another without being ready to make a proper compensation for it. The Apostle by setting spiritual things in contrast with carnal things, appears to enforce the obligation of providing for the maintenance of those who labor in the ministry. The more important the services which are rendered, the more reasonable the claim to compensation. And from this it would seem that no obligation ought to be regarded as more imperative on us, than that which calls upon us to recompense those who minister to us in holy things. Yet, by some means or other, it has come to pass in too many instances

hat convenience merely becomes the measure of obligation. Men do not think that they are in any sense bound by duty to set aside a portion of their worldly substance to support the institutions of religion. But is this true, my friends? What says the Supreme Lawgiver upon this subject? "Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things, live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? *Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel.*" That which God hath ordained, must of necessity become matter of moral obligation, and the only question is, upon whom does the obligation rest? Is it universal, or does it respect only a portion of mankind? We answer it is intended to be of universal obligation, but at present it reaches only to those who in the good providence of God do actually hear the Gospel preached, and are thus enabled to obey its injunctions. Under this aspect of the subject we hold it to be the bounden duty of every man in a Christian land, to give something for the support of religion. The duty results simply and directly from the ordinance of God. There is no question of fitness and propriety here; this plainly, *hath God ordained!* the answer to such an inquiry determines the point of responsibility. And about this I have already intimated, here can exist no doubt: for the words of the Apostle are express: "*Even so hath the Lord ordained, that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel.*" It is not then, you perceive, a mere matter of choice whether we will support the ministry or not—that is a point already determined for us by Infinite Wisdom: what we have to consider is this:—Will we obey God or not—will we keep his command or set his authority at defiance? Instead of enquiring, therefore, Is it convenient? Do others give? and other such like questions, let us resolve to acquit our consciences in this particular by obeying God's revealed will.

We do not by any means intend to intimate that there is not a sound discretion to be exercised by us, both as to the time when, and the amount which it is proper to bestow on this object. Our remarks so far have been designed to show merely the obligation which is resting upon us, as the subjects of God's moral government, to obey his command.

The Apostle's words do certainly suggest to our minds many interesting considerations why we should regard ministerial support in the light of a sacred duty.

The duties which ministers of the gospel are called on to discharge to the world are undoubtedly the most interesting and, in some respects, the most important which the mind of man can realize. A summary of these is comprised in the exhortation or charge delivered to every minister at the time of his ordination, nor can I state them better than in the simple and solemn terms of the ordinal:

"Ye have heard, brethren, as well in your private examination as in the exhortation which was now made to you, and in the holy lessons taken out of the Gospel, and the writings of the Apostles, of what dignity, and of how great importance this office is whereunto ye are called. And now, again we exhort you, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that ye have in remembrance, into how high a dignity, and to how mighty an office and

charge ye are called: that is to say, to be messengers, watchmen and stewards of the Lord; to teach and premonish, to feed and provide for the Lord's family; to seek for Christ's sheep that are dispersed abroad, and for his children, who are in the midst of this naughty world, that they may be saved through Christ forever.

"Have always, therefore, printed in your remembrance how great a treasure is committed to your charge. For they are the sheep of Christ which he bought with his death, and for whom he shed his blood. The Church and congregation whom you must serve, is his spouse and his body. And if it shall happen that the same Church or any member thereof, do take any hurt or hinderance by reason of your negligence, ye know the greatness of the fault, and also the horrible punishment that will ensue.— Wherefore consider with yourselves the end of the ministry towards the children of God, towards the spouse and body of Christ; and see that you never cease your labor, your care and diligence, until ye have done all that lieth in you, according to your bounden duty, to bring all such as are, or shall be committed to your charge, unto that agreement in the faith and knowledge of God, and to that ripeness and perfectness of age in Christ, that there be no place left among you either for error in religion, or for viciousness in life.

"Forasmuch, then, as your office is both of so great excellency, and of so great difficulty, ye see with how great care and study ye ought to apply yourselves, as well to show yourselves dutiful and thankful unto that Lord who hath placed you in so high a dignity; as also to beware that neither you yourselves offend, nor be occasion that others offend. Howbeit, ye cannot have a mind and will thereto of yourselves; for that will and ability is given of God alone: therefore, ye have need and ought to pray earnestly for His Holy Spirit. And seeing that ye cannot by any other means compass the doing of so weighty a work pertaining to the salvation of man, but with doctrine and exhortation taken out of the Holy Scriptures, and with a life agreeable to the same; consider how studious ye ought to be in reading and learning the Scriptures, and in forming the manners both of yourselves and of them that specially pertain unto you, according to the rule of the same Scriptures; and for this self-same cause, how ye ought to forsake and set aside, as much as ye may, all worldly cares and studies.

"We have good hope that ye have well weighed these things with yourselves, long before this time; and that ye have clearly determined, by God's grace, to give yourselves wholly to this office, whereunto it hath pleased God to call you: so that, as much as lieth in you, ye will apply yourselves wholly to this one thing, and draw all your cares and studies this way; and that ye will continually pray to God the Father, by the mediation of our only Saviour, Jesus Christ, for the heavenly assistance of the Holy Ghost; that by daily reading and weighing the Scriptures, ye may wax riper and stronger in your ministry; and that ye may so endeavor yourselves, from time to time, to sanctify the lives of you and yours, and to fashion them after the rule and doctrine of Christ, that ye may be wholesome and godly examples and patterns for the people to follow."

Such, brethren, are the weighty and grave duties which men undertake to discharge in becoming ministers of the Gospel. Is it possible for our minds to conceive of greater responsibilities weighing upon the soul than are here set forth and detailed? And can it be matter of surprise that any man, in contemplating the nature of the ministerial office and the consequences which may follow from negligence, or want of necessary knowledge to perform these high duties, should make of his own soul the apprehensive inquiry, "Who is sufficient for these things?" The truth is that nothing but growing experience can fully inform any man of the difficulties and multiplying perplexities which surround the path in which the faithful minister of Christ has to walk. I am bold to say, for I speak not only from personal knowledge, but from the testimony of all my clerical Brethren with whom I have had intercourse, that few would be found to take upon them the vows of ordination, if previous to that step, they possessed the information which subsequent experience but too surely furnishes. Even as it is, many would retire from so trying and dangerous a position, and many more be deterred from adventuring by the warnings of those already engaged, but for the constraining love of Christ which calls them to his service—and but for the alternative which pressed upon the Apostles's mind when reminding the Corinthians of their duty, he says: "Though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward; but if against my will, —a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me." Yes, whether the world will minister to our temporal wants or not, still we must go forward, for necessity is laid upon us; we must preach the gospel, wherever divine Providence shall "set before us an open door," or fix the bounds of our habitation.

Among those duties which are specifically pointed out as belonging to the ministry, is the diligent reading and study of the Holy Scriptures. It is in this way only that the Priest's lips can keep knowledge, and the people be instructed in the law from his mouth. Perhaps no profession in the world calls for learning upon so great a variety of subjects—for so vast research—for so extensive observation—for so nice discrimination—and for so patient and calm reflection, as the ministry, where it is exercised profitably to the souls of men. I grant that the great outlines of the scheme of redemption are easily enough understood. But to make the application of these effectual to the reformation and improvement of man's moral character, requires a depth of penetration into the nature of man, an acquaintance with the various motives by which he may be and is swayed, an insight into the multiform interests of society, a readiness of discernment, a quickness of apprehension, and a combination of firmness and gentleness—of authority and persuasion to rebuke the vicious—strengthen the weak—encourage the desponding, and establish the good and virtuous, which rarely falls to the lot of man, and which is capable of attainment only through years of laborious study and habits of severe mental discipline. To elucidate the Scriptures it is often necessary to be acquainted with the history of the ancient world—with the manners and

customs of the people even in minute particulars—the very structure of their houses—their modes of agriculture—their dress—their implements of husbandry—their language—their weapons of war—marriage ceremonies—ritual observances—the geographical features of countries—the social and political relations of different people—the laws which governed trade and intercourse among neighboring nations—and the administration of justice at home—in a word all that you can conceive of as necessary to make a foreigner thoroughly acquainted with our circumstances and condition so as to make these well understood in his own country, enters properly into the thoughts and claims the attention of him who undertakes to teach you the lesson of God's wisdom and mercy to man as displayed in his dealings with mankind and recorded in the Holy Scriptures.—But this is not all. The minister of religion must not only be conversant with the past, he must also keep pace with all the improvements which mark the progress of the world's history, and tend to meliorate the condition of man. He must be able to show what effects have followed from the introduction of Christianity among barbarous and savage nations—to point to the causes of its decline in those countries where it was formerly established, and now maintains a precarious existence, or has been superseded by other systems. These, with the various kindred topics of the corruption of religion and the divisions of the Christian name—the objections of infidelity, grounded upon the discoveries of science—the mysterious nature of some of the doctrines of revelation—the awful character of its disclosures or the apparent inconsistency of many of its facts with the known laws of nature—all of them become, as occasions require, necessary subjects of inquiry and investigation with the Christian minister. Say not, and think not, brethren, that we are widening unnecessarily the range of the minister's reflections and study. You know that he has to adapt his instructions to every grade of intellect; and to meet the wants of the various classes of his hearers, as these are distinguished by the difference of mental enlargement growing out of education or the want of it, he has to borrow his illustrations from the whole range of arts and sciences, and from all the occupations of life. No! As a general rule, the more time your ministers can devote to study, the better will they be prepared to furnish you with sound, profitable discourse—the better qualified to perform work of which neither they nor you need be ashamed. What would you think of that physician, who resting in that knowledge which was necessary to procure him his diploma, should throw aside his books, exclude from his office every journal which records modern discoveries and improvements in the healing art, should throw himself boldly upon his own judgment and observation, and reject the aids and lights which the experience of the profession is daily accumulating?—Think you that you or your friends would be safe in the hands of such a man? The intelligent and humane physician would tell you that such a practitioner of medicine was little better than a pretender—was sporting with the pains and diseases of humanity—with the lives of his fellow-men and that the folly of such a course was only equalled by its danger. And shall it be thought less important for him who prescribes for the diseases

of the moral system, to be thoroughly acquainted with their character; treatment and cure? A thousand circumstances modify the multitude of distempers to which our bodies are subject in the indication which they exhibit, which the experienced sight and touch of the physician, guided by the lights of science, can alone detect, and to which his skill will apply the appropriate remedy. And just so will the intelligent physician of souls suit his application to the condition of the moral system, as that is influenced by surrounding circumstances in life. But to do this he must be acquainted with the whole moral nosology, if I may so speak, of man; and hence study and time for study are to him indispensable.

Again, let me ask you, what rank would probably be assigned to that lawyer whose knowledge was bounded by the mere statutory provisions of his own State or country? Would he find himself, thus furnished, able to meet the conflict of the bar—to grapple with minds that had encountered the "labor virginis annorum,"—that had thoroughly learned the reason of the law, and pursuing with steady and persevering industry the application of general principles to particular cases through long and wearisome reports, had thus held converse with the master spirits of their age? Not less conspicuous would the barrenness of that clergyman appear to all men, who should content himself with preparing for his expectant congregation a concatenation of common place remark, vapid declamation, or pointless exhortation.

Our interest in a minister is very peculiar. He is to us what no other professional man can be. We want him not to transact our business, and to receive a compensation, but to be our friend, our guide, an inmate in our families; to enter our houses in affliction, and to be able to give us light, admonition and consolation in suffering, sickness, and the last hours of life.

Our connexion with men of other professions is transient, accidental, rare. With a minister it is habitual. Once in the week, at least, we are to meet him and sit under his instructions. We are to give up our minds in a measure to his influence, and to receive from him impressions on a subject, which more than all others concerns us, and with which our improvement and tranquility through life and our future peace are intimately connected.

We want the minister to address our understandings with clearness; to extend and brighten our moral and religious conceptions; to throw light over the obscurities of the sacred volume; to assist us in repelling those doubts which sometimes shake our convictions of Christian truth; and to establish us in a firm and rational belief.

We want him not only to address the understanding with clearness, but still more to speak to the conscience and heart with power; to force, as it were our thoughts from the world, to rouse us from the slumbers of an unreflecting life; to exhibit religion in an interesting form, and to engage our affections on the side of duty. Such are the offices and aids which we need from the Christian minister. Who does not see in a moment, that much preparation of the intellect and heart is required to render him successful in these high and generous labors.

And now we may safely leave it with yourselves to answer the question, whether those solemn and interesting duties can be effectually discharged while the mind is painfully distracted by apprehensions and cares of a wholly secular character? To a person unaccustomed to patient and continuous reflection, it is scarcely possible to convey an adequate conception of the mental agony which one suffers by having a train of thought broken in upon and interrupted by the intrusion or rather obstruction on the attention, of worldly business. Those, only, whose occupations or necessities compel them to study, can realize the pain of such interruptions and the difficulty of again establishing in the mind an association of ideas when once broken. Distressing as these things are in themselves, they become doubly so to the sufferer, when there is consciousness of inability to discharge obligations, contracted in reliance upon promises made to him, for the support of those whom a minister is bound by natural affection to maintain. When engaged in the labors of his study—the world and worldly things carefully shut out from the thoughts, and every energy of the mind taxed to elucidate and enforce those mighty truths upon the reception or rejection of which the salvation of the soul is staked, then to be harrassed by the presentation of bills which he has not the means to pay, lays a load upon the heart which brings tortures little short of the bitterness of death. How is it possible that the labors of a minister under such circumstances can be effective? His very discourses will partake of the sombre shades that spread a gloom over his own spirit—and he enters the sacred desk oftentimes with a mind oppressed with reflections upon the ingratitude of men, instead of being warmed and animated with glowing meditations upon the love of God in redemption. But, brethren, we may make this part of the picture ever so dark—the minister may be talented, faithful and diligent—he may strive to fashion his own life and the lives of his family according to the rule of God's word, so that they may be wholesome examples to the flock of Christ—he may endure the pinchings of poverty, and wear a cheerful and smiling countenance, though his heart is oppressed with care—he may make full preparation for the pulpit, and his discourses may be replete with sound learning—fervid with zeal—glowing with charity, and sparkling with the gems of eloquent thought, yet there is that which most frequently mingles itself in the cup of his allotments, creating anguish of soul which, by comparison, would render all other ills tolerable. I refer to that never ceasing anxiety which he feels, lest any soul committed to his charge should perish through his fault or inattention. Remove this care from his mind and he will take patiently all else that may be laid upon him in the way of enduring poverty or neglect. It is this which goes beyond all things else to spread a gloom over his days and bring him wearisome nights. This is the source of that unseen and secret grief of which the world knows nothing—for which it has no sympathy—which preys like a canker upon the heart, and of which God alone takes notice. There is, for example, some member of the shepherd's flock, who is surrounded by those peculiar and strong temptations which grow out of the polished education and the command of ample means to gratify the pride and vanity of life. Now, if you could have present-

ed to you in a speculum the anxieties of the minister's heart, as his observant eye watches every movement of that person amidst the business, the gay scenes and festive assemblies of the world, it might give you some insight into the nature of those cares and troubles that fill up the wearisome hours that are appointed him. The words addressed to him at his ordination—"if it shall happen that the same church, or any member thereof, do take any hurt or hinderance by reason of your negligence, ye know the greatness of the fault, and also the horrible punishment that will ensue"—are forever sounding in his ears, and presenting to his mind with vivid distinctness the awful accountability which awaits the close of his stewardship.

It is not a just view of ministerial responsibility, as it is held in our Church, to suppose that the measure of our duty extends only to the preparation and delivery of sermons, the administration of sacraments, the visitation of the sick and the burial of the dead. We know that the mere perfunctory discharge of these offices meets the expectations of most persons in the estimate they have formed of what is properly a clergyman's duty; but as I have already endeavored to show you, all this, important as it is, falls far short of what the Church requires, and our ordination vows call for. Each member of the congregation claims the pastor's care and attention, as opportunity shall allow him to speak a word in season, and point the thoughts to the consideration of eternal things. So that he feels not only a general concern for the whole, but the speciality of a personal interest for the spiritual welfare of each individual. And this may serve, brethren, when you think of it, to excuse the zeal, and perhaps the importunity with which your ministers have sometimes ventured, even at the risk of losing your good opinion, to urge upon you the importance of attention to your eternal interests. They feel those to be of incalculable value—of more worth than the wealth of the universe, or the accumulated honors and pleasures of all earth's millions, and would therefore press them home upon the thoughts with an earnestness proportioned in some degree to the value of the stake at issue. If they were negligent in the use of such opportunities, you might have some reason to suspect the purity of motive and fervor of zeal with which they watched over your spiritual welfare.—The same consideration may also plead an apology for them when they undertake to reconcile those whom they may discover to be at variance—when they are urgent in persuasion or stern in rebuke, to prevent the manifestation of unfriendly feelings, between those who are of the same household of faith.

The most difficult portion of a minister's duty consists in the proper management of what may perhaps be called, the *private affairs of the Congregation*: by which I mean, administering comforts to the private griefs of individuals—giving advice to those in perplexity—relief to the distressed in mind, and reconciling those between whom differences exist. These things call for judgment, prudence and discretion to an amount which would make most men backward in the attempt to perform such offices. No one knows the real difficulty in such cases until he has had personal trial of them to inform him.

Now think, brethren, of your ministers spending their days and nights

in such employments and duties as those at which we have glanced—think of their foregoing all ordinary advantages for accumulating worldly goods, by secular callings, for the sake of advancing your spiritual interests—think of the repeated instances in which they have come to you, and with fraternal affection, or paternal tenderness and solicitude, and pleaded with you in private for the interests of your souls—think of the unwearied patience with which they have from week to week met your children in the Sunday School, and impressed upon their young minds instruction to guide them in the way of virtue here, and of happiness hereafter—think with what faithfulness they have watched by the bed of sickness, pain and death—with what tenderness they have spoken words of consolation and comfort in the dark hour of sorrow and bereavement—think of their pouring out in secret before God, their prayers and supplications for your happiness here and your salvation hereafter—of their bearing you in their hearts before the throne of Grace, when you had resisted all their admonitions and turned a deaf ear to all their entreaties—think how they have gone in and out before you, “*examples in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity*”—think of their thus “*sowing to you spiritual things,*” and then ask yourselves, “*is it a great thing, if they shall reap your carnal things?*”

My brethren are very far from asking, as I am sure you must be far from thinking that they desire, such a support as will burden you, while they live in luxury. When they shall fail to present that regard to Christian simplicity and economy in their families, which you cannot take as examples for yourselves, then may you properly withhold your liberality, and bestow it where it shall tell more effectually for the honor of Christ and his Church.

Finally, let me say, while the provision you make for the maintenance of your ministers shall be creditable to your liberality and Christian profession, let it be so judicious by an equality of distribution among all the members of your respective congregations, that none shall feel burdened; and let it be so certain and permanent that your pastors may have no just ground of anxiety for the future, but being enabled to labor more abundantly, may reap more fruit among you to the power of God’s Grace, in the increase of your “*faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and charity, till you all come to that ripeness and perfectness of age in Christ, that there be no place left among you either for error in religion or for viciousness of life.*”

I am sensible that I have drawn largely upon your patient attention by dwelling so long on this subject. I trust you will find a ready apology for me in your minds from considering the great importance of the topic which has been brought to your notice.

I will detain you no longer from the proper business which has called us together, but, invoking upon your deliberations the gracious influences of the blessed Spirit of truth and wisdom, I subscribe myself your faithful friend and servant in the Gospel.

JAS. H. OTEY, *Bishop of Tenn.*

BOLIVAR, May 11, 1842.

When the Bishop concluded, the Convention adjourned to meet again at 8½ o'clock, to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, 8½ o'clock, A. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Polk of Memphis, and Mr. Burton of La Grange, appeared in their seats.

On motion, a committee to consist of a clergyman and one layman from each parish represented, was appointed to make provision for the support of the Episcopate in the year following July 1st. Rev. Mr. Alston, and Messrs. Frazer, Harris, Hatch, Walker, Stephens and M'Neal, were appointed. The same committee was charged to provide by parochial assessments for the contingent expenses of the next Conventional year.

On motion, Convention proceeded to the election of delegates to the General Convention: when Rev. Messrs. Wheat, Alston, Litton and West of the Clergy, and Messrs. John P. Trezevant, Adlai O. Harris, James Thomas and Thomas Anderson of the Laity, were appointed.

Rev. Mr. Wheat and Rev. Mr. Smith, with Dr. John Shelby and Francis B. Fogg, were appointed the standing committee.

Rev. Messrs. Smith and Leacock, and Messrs. A. O. Harris and S. P. Walker, were appointed Missionary and Education Committee.

Rev. Messrs. Wheat and Alston, and Messrs. Watson and Shelby were appointed the committee on the Book Depository.

The following amendment to the III canon of 1829, amended 1837, was moved and unanimously passed:—Add to section 4 the words following, viz:—"Provided that when witnesses are examined upon the trial, their testimony shall be taken down in writing, and a record thereof preserved."

The Rev. Mr. Litton presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the Convention feeling the deep importance of the cause of Domestic Missions in the Church, recommend the subject to the immediate attention of the members of the same in this Diocese; and that the Bishop be requested to adopt some arrangement through the Rectors of the several parishes, so that the matter be laid before the people."

A preamble and resolutions were offered by Mr. Stephens of Jackson, and at his instance laid on the table.

Adjourned to meet at 8½ o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, 8½ o'clock.

Convention met: After prayer by the Bishop, the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on the support of the Episcopate reported the following resolutions:

1. That the following schedule of assessments for the support of the Episcopate, during the year following the 1st of July be adopted:

Christ Church, <i>Nashville</i> ,	\$200	St. Luke's, <i>Jackson</i> ,	\$20
St. Peter's, <i>Columbia</i> ,	200	St. James', <i>Bolivar</i> ,	25
Immanuel, <i>La Grange</i> ,	130	St. Mark's, <i>Williamsport</i> ,	20
Calvary, <i>Memphis</i> ,	130	St. Andrew's, <i>Fayette</i> ,	15
Trinity, <i>Clarksville</i> ,	60	St. Paul's, <i>Franklin</i> ,	15
St. Paul's, <i>Randolph</i> ,	50		

			\$865

The said sums to be payable one half on the 1st of January, 1843, and one half on the 1st July.

2. Resolved, That the following schedule of parochial assessment for the contingent expenses of the next Conventional year, be adopted:

Christ, <i>Nashville</i> ,	\$20	Trinity, <i>Clarksville</i> ,	\$10
St. Peter's, <i>Columbia</i> ,	20	St. James', <i>Bolivar</i> ,	10
Immanuel, <i>La Grange</i> ,	15	St. Andrew's, <i>Fayette</i> ,	5
Calvary, <i>Memphis</i> ,	15	St. Mark's, <i>Williamsport</i> ,	5
St. Paul's, <i>Randolph</i> ,	15	St. Luke's, <i>Jackson</i> ,	5
			\$120
		P. W. ALSTON, Ch'mn.	

The Treasurer submitted his report, which was received.

The Committee on the support of the Episcopate, acting as a committee of accounts, reported a resolution recommending the payment to Rev. Mr. Reed of \$6 75, by him advanced as the quota of this Diocese towards the contingent fund of the General Convention.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Alston, it was resolved, unanimously, that the next Convention of this Diocese assemble at Memphis; and the period was fixed at the 2d Wednesday in May, 1843.

John Anderson, Esq., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

S. P. Walker, Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society presented a report, which was accepted.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Reed, it was resolved, unanimously, that the thanks of this House be presented to the citizens of Bolivar, for the Christian hospitality and kindness extended by them to the members of the Convention.

Resolved, That 500 copies of the Journal be printed and distributed under the direction of the Secretary.

And the Convention, after singing a hymn, and prayer offered by the Bishop, adjourned, *sine die*.

P. W. ALSTON,
Secretary pro tempore.

[In the evening, after Divine Service, and an appropriate Discourse by the Rev. Edward Reed, a collection for Missionary purposes was taken, and a meeting was held of the Diocesan Missionary Society—Samuel P. Walker was appointed the Treasurer for the year ensuing, and the Rev. P. W. Alston Secretary.]

Amount received from the different Churches on account of the Episcopate since the Convention of 1841, and paid over to the Bishop.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, *La Grange*:

Received assessment for the first half of the year 1842, \$100 00

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, *Jackson*:

Received assessment for the first half of 1842, 15 00

CALVARY CHURCH, *Memphis*:

Received assessment for the first half of 1842, 100 00

TRINITY CHURCH, *Clarksville*:

Received assessment for the first half of 1842, \$50 00

Do do on account of second half, 25 00—75 00

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, *Randolph*:

Received balance of assessment for first half of 1842, 20 00

Do on account of second do do 50 00—70 00

St. JAMES' CHURCH, Bolivar:

Received the whole amount of assessment for 1842,	50 00
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St. PETER'S CHURCH, Columbia:

Received assessment for the first half of 1842,	200 00
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CHRIST CHURCH, Nashville:

Received on account of old assessments due for 1840 and 1841,	100 00
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St. ANDREW'S CHURCH, Fayette:

Received assessment due on the first March, 1841,	10 00
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Do in part of assessment due on the first Jan., 1842,	10 00
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<u>—</u> 20 00

Contingent Fund in account with John Anderson, Treasurer.

1842 To Cash paid J. H. McMahon,	\$45 00
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Balance to new account,	75 00
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<u>—</u> \$120 00

1842 By balance on hand from old account,	\$20 00
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" La Grange assessment for 1841,	30 00
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" am't received from Immanuel Church, La Grange,	15 00
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" " Calvary Church, Memphis,	15 00
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" " St. Luke's Church, Jackson,	5 00
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" " Trinity Church, Clarksville,	10 00
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" " St. Paul's Church, Randolph,	15 00
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" " St. James' Church, Bolivar,	10 00
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<u>—</u> \$120 00

By balance on hand from old account,	75 00
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Statement of amount now due and unpaid for assessments by the following named Churches.

CHRIST CHURCH, Nashville:	Balance of old assessments to 1st March, 1841, for the
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Episcopate,	\$113 00
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Assessment for do due 1st Jan., 1842,	200 00—313 00
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St. ANDREW'S CHURCH, Fayette:	Balance of assessment on the Episcopate, due 1st Jan., '42,
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Contingent do for 1841,	5 00
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10 00—15 00

St. MARK'S CHURCH, Williamsport:	Assessment due 1st Jan., 1842, for the Episcopate,
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Contingent assessment for 1842,	12 50
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5 00—17 50

DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

S. P. Walker, Treasurer, in account.	\$361 37 $\frac{1}{2}$
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Dr. To balance, as per report, July, 1841,	\$361 37 $\frac{1}{2}$
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Cr. By amount paid Rev. Thos. West for services previous	\$125 00
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to July, 1841,	\$125 00
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Amount in hand,	49 87 $\frac{1}{2}$
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APPOINTMENTS.

SECRETARY,

Rev. J. Thomas Wheat, *Nashville*.

TREASURER,

John Anderson, *Esq., La Grange*.

STANDING COMMITTEE,

Rev. J. T. Wheat, Rev. F. G. Smith, Francis B. Fogg, Dr. Jno. Shelby.

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION,

Rev. J. T. Wheat, Rev. P. W. Alston, Rev. S. G. Litton, Rev. Thos. West:—J. P. Trezevant, A. O. Harris, Jas. Thomas, Thos: Anderson.

MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE,

Rev. F. G. Smith, Rev. W. J. Leacock, A. O. Harris, S. P. Walker;

COMMITTEE ON THE BOOK DEPOSITORY,

Rev. J. T. Wheat, Rev. P. W. Alston:—S. Watson and Dr. J. Shelby.

The next Annual Convention will be held at Memphis, on the 2d Wednesday in May, 1843.

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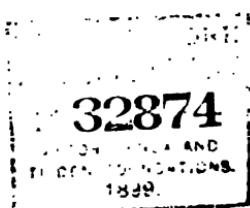
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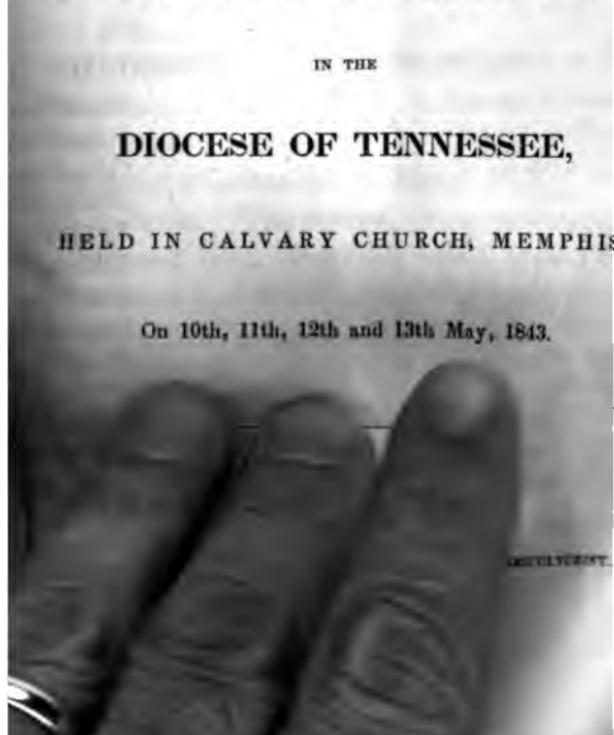
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LIST OF CLERGYMEN BELONGING TO THE DIOCESE
OF TENNESSEE.

Rt. Rev. JAMES HERVEY OTEY, D. D., DIOCESAN.

Rev. PHILIP W. ALSTON, *Rector of Calvary Church, Memphis.*

" EBENEZER H. CRESSEY, " " Trinity " Clarksville.

" ST. MICHAEL FACKLER, *Residing at Nashville.*

* " WILLIAM T. LEACOCK, *Rector of St. Mark's, Williamsport.*

" SAMUEL G. LITTON, " " Immanuel, La Grange.

" STEPHEN PATTERSON, " " St. Peter's, Columbia.

* " WILLIAM P. SAUNDERS, " " St. Paul's, Franklin.

* " FRANKLIN G. SMITH, " " Columbia Female Institute.

" DANIEL STEPHENS, D. D. " " St. James', Bolivar.

* " WILLIAM STEELE, *Residing in Louisiana.*

" JOHN THOMAS WHEAT, *Rector of Christ Church, Nashville.*

* Not present at this Convention.

LIST OF PARISHES ENTITLED TO REPRESENTATION.

* CHRIST CHURCH, - - - - - *Nashville.*

* ST. PAUL'S, - - - - - *Franklin.*

* ST. PETER'S, - - - - - *Columbia.*

TRINITY, - - - - - *Clarksville.*

IMMANUEL, - - - - - *La Grange.*

ST. LUKE'S, - - - - - *Jackson.*

* ST. PAUL'S, - - - - - *Randolph.*

* ZION, - - - - - *Brownsville.*

CALVARY, - - - - - *Memphis.*

ST. JAMES', - - - - - *Bolivar.*

* ST. THOMAS', - - - - - *Sommerville.*

* ST. ANDREW'S, - - - - - *Fayette Co.*

* ST. MARK'S, - - - - - *Williamsport.*

* Not represented in this Convention.

J O U R N A L.

THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the diocese of
Tennessee, met at Memphis, in Calvary Church, at half
past 9 o'clock, on the 10th May, 1843.

The Rt. Rev. JAMES HERVEY OTEY, D. D., diocesan,
and, *ex officio*, President of the Convention, having
opened the meeting by prayer, caused the list of clergymen
entitled to seats to be read; of whom there were
present, Rev. Messrs. Alston, Cressey, Fackler, Patterson
and Wheat.

Certificates of the election of delegates from the several parishes entitled to representation having been called for, they were received from Christ Church, Nashville; Trinity, Clarksville; Calvary, Memphis, and St. Luke's, Jackson. The several delegations being called, there appeared, from Nashville, none; from Clarksville, Messrs. Frazer and Fielding L. Williams; from Memphis, Messrs. Harris and Trezevant; and from Jackson, Wm. H. Stephens.

The Rev. Mr. Wheat was re-elected Secretary for the ensuing Conventional year.

The President having pronounced the Convention duly organized, it was on motion resolved to adopt the Rules of Order of the last Convention for the government of this.

The Convention, agreeably to the Canon, adjourned for the purpose of attending Divine service, to meet again at half past 3 o'clock.

[Morning prayer was said by the Rev. P. W. Alston, Rector of Calvary Church, Memphis, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Wheat, Rector of Christ Church, Nashville; and the Convention Sermon was preached by Rev. E. H. Cressey, Rector of Trinity Church, Clarksville, from Jude, 11th verse.]

AFTERNOON.

Besides those present in the morning, were the Rev. Dr. Stephens and Mr. Hatch.

The minutes of the morning were read and approved.

The names of Jno. Anderson, Jno. W. Burton and Charles B. Polk, of Immanuel, La Grange, were added to the list of delegates—Mr. Anderson being present.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Clergymen of the Church not canonically resident in this diocese, and who may be present during the sitting of this Convention, be invited to seats in it.

On motion, the Rev. Messrs. Cressey and Wheat and Mr. Stephens of the laity, were appointed a Committee to revise the Canons and report at any time during this Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Cressey, *Resolved*, To amend the Constitution, by adding to the 1st section of the 7th Article, the words following—"to preserve Journals and Records, to attest the public proceedings, to continue in office until a successor be appointed, and to deliver into his hands all books and papers belonging to the Convention."

Also, to amend the 12th Article, by striking out the word "Annual" in the 4th line, and all of the last clause.

These several amendments abide the final decision of the next Annual Convention, according to the provision of the 12th Article of the Constitution.

Adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Besides those present yesterday, were the Rev. Mr. Litton and Mr. Burton; and under the resolution of yesterday, the Rev. Dr. Page and the Rev. Mr. Merrill of Mississippi, and the Rev. Mr. Thayer of Michigan.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Reports of the Clergy to the Bishop of their parochial and other services were by his order read in Convention.

The Bishop then delivered his Annual Address.

Whereas, This is the earliest opportunity which this diocese has had, in Convention assembled, to unite with other dioceses in a public expression of affection and reverence for the memory of the late lamented Bishop Griswold,

And, whereas, The sacred office which he held, throughout a long life of eminent piety, and devotedness, aptly meetly exercised to the honor of God and the edifying of His Church and the high station which he held, as President of the House of Bishops, and the many virtues which adorned his private life and blessed his immediate family and friends, all worthily deserve the general condolence which his death has called forth; therefore,

Resolved, unanimously, That this Convention cordially approve and fully respond to the sentiments so appropriately and eloquently expressed by our beloved diocesan in his official notice of the death of the Rt. Rev.

Alexander Viets Griswold, D. D., late Bishop of the Eastern diocese and President of the House of Bishops.

Resolved, That while we lament the loss, by this event, of a living wholesome example to the flock of Christ, we sorrow not as those without hope; but rejoice in the Divine assurance that they are blessed who die in the Lord, yea, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labours and their works do follow them.

Resolved, That as we see the very venerable chief pastors of our Flock successively removed while the Church is daily more exposed in a naughty and ungodly world to all the dangers and responsibilities of a suffering witness for the Faith and Order of the Gospel, we are driven to more earnest prayer and trust in the Great Bishop and Shepherd of our Souls that their mantles may fall upon worthy successors, equally replenished with the truth of Christ's doctrine and endued with innocence of life, to the edifying and well-governing of his Church.

On motion, **Resolved,** In compliance with the recommendation of the Bishop, that a committee of three be appointed to consider and report to this Convention a suitable plan for the establishment of a fund in aid of infirm and disabled Clergymen, as well as the Widows and Orphans of such as die in the service of this diocese.

Messrs. Wheat, Cressey and Hatch were appointed.

The Convention chose by ballot the following Standing Committee: The Rev. Messrs. Wheat and Cressey, and of the Laity, F. B. Fogg and John Shelby.

The following persons were appointed delegates to General Convention: the Rev. Messrs. Alston, Cressey, Litton and Wheat, and of the Laity, J. P. Trezevant, W. G. Dickinson, T. W. Frazer and A. O. Harris.

The Rev. Messrs. Alston and Wheat, John Shelby and M. Watson, were appointed the committee on the Book Depository.

Adjourned till half past eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Present as on yesterday. The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on the revision of Canons, made a report which being read was, on motion, accepted, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Pending the latter, the Bishop called the Rev. Dr. Stephens to the chair.

Messrs. Litton and Wheat were re-appointed Trustees, on the part of this diocese, of the General Theological Seminary.

The Rev. Messrs. Smith and Patterson; and of the Laity, S. P. Walker and J. H. Thomas, were appointed the Missionary and Education Committee.

Convention adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON.

The Rev. Mr. Cressey moved the adoption of two additional Canons, which were laid on the table to be taken up with the order of the day to-morrow.

The Committee to whom was referred the devising of a plan for the creating of a permanent fund in aid of aged and infirm Clergymen, together with the widows and orphans of deceased Clergymen, reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of every Clergyman having charge of a parish in this diocese, and of the Wardens where there is no Clergyman, to make

a collection, annually, at Christmas, for this pension fund, and generally to commend it to the patronage of Churchmen.

2. Resolved, That all moneys so collected shall be given in charge to a Board of Trustees, consisting of two clergymen and two laymen, to be chosen by the Convention, and of which the Bishop shall be, ex officio, President, or if there be no Bishop, the President of the Standing Committee. This Board shall exercise a sound discretion in the frugal appropriation of pensions, and report annually to the Convention. The Board shall appoint one of its own members to the office of Treasurer, to whom all contributions shall be forwarded without delay.

3. Resolved, That the Board of Trustees be authorized to procure from the Legislature, an act of incorporation for the purposes aforesaid.

J. T. WHEAT, *Chairman.*

The Convention then proceeded to the election of Trustees, and the Rev. Messrs. Wheat and Patterson, and of the Laity, F. B. Fogg and M. Watson were chosen.

The Rev. Messrs. Wheat and Patterson, and of the Laity, Messrs. Frazer, Burton, Harris, McNeal and Stephens, were appointed a Committee on the Contingent Fund and the support of the Episcopate.

The Convention adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Present as on yesterday. The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on the support of the Episcopate and Contingent Fund of the Convention, reported the following schedule of assessments, which was approved:

\$250	Christ Church, Nashville,	\$20
15	St. Paul's, Franklin,	5
150	St. Peter's Columbia,	10
60	Trinity, Clarksville,	10
60	Immanuel, La Grange,	10
150	Calvary, Memphis,	15
30	St. Paul's, Randolph,	5
25	St. James', Bolivar,	5
20	St. Luke's, Jackson,	5
20	St. Mark's, Williamsport,	5
15	St. Andrew's, Fayette Co.	5
30	St. John's, Ashwood,	5

\$825 for support of Episcopate. For Contingent Fund of Con. \$100

The Treasurer's accounts were referred to Messrs. Hatch and Trezevant to be audited, and being attested by them were ordered to be appended to the Journal.

The order of the day, being the proposed revision of the Canons, was now taken up, and after some progress, was further postponed to the afternoon sitting.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Cressey, the 5th section of the Articles of Association was amended by inserting after the words "pew or seat in said church," in the 10th line, the following—"or contributed in any other regular way towards the support of the Church and Ministry."

The Convention then adjourned till 3 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON.

The revised Canons having been separately considered, amended and adopted, were ordered into the appendix of this Journal.

John Anderson Esq., of La Grange, was re-elected Treasurer.

Geo. Anderson and Jno. Pollard Trezevant were appointed Trustees of the Permanent Fund for the support of the Episcopate.

Mr. Stephens submitted the following Preamble and Resolution, which were adopted:

Whereas. The Convention have been informed that two presbyters of this diocese, with the approbation of the Bishop, are about to publish a paper to be entitled "The Primitive Standard," and to be devoted to the interests of the Church; therefore

Resolved. That the Convention do cordially recommend said paper to the patronage of all churchmen within this diocese and elsewhere.

On motion. *Resolved.* That the next Convention be held at Nashville, on the fourth Wednesday of May, 1844.

Resolved, unanimously, That this Convention make grateful acknowledgments for the kind hospitalities of their Memphis friends, and that this expression of thanks be communicated through the Rector of Calvary Church.

The Secretary was instructed to print and distribute five hundred copies of this Journal, and

After singing the 27th Hymn, the Convention adjourned, *sine die.*

JOHN THOMAS WHEAT,

Secretary.

[During the sittings of the Convention, the Church was opened for Divine Worship and preaching twice a day. These services were numerously attended by devout worshippers. The Bishop confirmed, on two several occasions, nineteen persons, principally youth, and among them three servants. Adult baptism was administered several times, and the increasing seriousness and delightful church-feeling which prevailed gave promise of permanent benefit to this flourishing congregation.]

On Sunday morning the Bishop admitted to the Holy Order of Priests, the Rev. Mr. Merrill of the diocese of Mississippi. The Rev. Mr. Ahron said prayers, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Wheat in the lesson. The Rev. Dr. Page of Natchez, presented the Candidate: with whom the Rev. Dr. Stephens of Bolivar and the Rev. Mr. Matthews of Mississippi, united in the imposition of hands. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to an unusually large number of Communicants.]

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY,

SINCE we last met together in convention, three Clergymen have been received into this diocese upon letters of dismission from their respective Bishops. The Rev. E. H. Cressey from the diocese of Western New York, who has taken charge of the parish of Trinity Church, Clarksville. The Rev. Stephen Patterson from the diocese of New York; who has taken charge of St. Peter's Church, Columbia. The prospects of usefulness opened to these brethren in their new fields of labor are of the most encouraging character. The acceptability of their services to the people of their charge and the fruit already reaped by them will, I trust, lead to a permanent settlement in their parishes. The Rev. St. Michael Fackler has been transferred to this diocese from Virginia. He has not yet taken charge of a parish, but has been engaged chiefly in assisting the Rector of Christ Church, Nashville.

Three Clergymen have been transferred by me during the past year from this diocese. The Rev. Edward Reed to the diocese of South Carolina; the Rev. Thomas West to that of Virginia and the Rev. Thomas Horrell to the jurisdiction of Bishop Kemper. Two persons have been admitted as candidates for orders upon the recommendation of the Standing Committee: Messrs. A. M. Scott and J. A. L. Norman of Arkansas.

I proceed to detail the various services in which I have officially acted in this diocese since the last Convention.

Saturday, May 14.—I confirmed in St. James' Church, Bolivar, six persons belonging to the congregation of Rev. Mr. Litton at La Grange.

Sunday 15.—Assisted by the Clergy who attended the Convention, I administered the Holy Communion to about ninety persons. The next day leaving Bolivar, I reached home on the evening of the 18th, and on the 22d, read prayers and preached morning and afternoon in St. Peter's Church, Columbia.

Monday, 23.—Officiated at the burial of a child.

Sunday, 29.—After morning and evening prayer, preached in St. Peter's Church, Columbia.

June 5.—After prayers by Rev. Mr. Horrell, I preached and administered the Holy Communion.

Sunday 12.—Morning prayer was read by Rev. Mr. Horrell, after

which I preached and admitted the Rev. Wm. P. Saunders, to the holy order of Priesthood.

June 19.—Read prayers and preached morning and afternoon.

Sunday 26.—At St. Mark's Church, Williamsport, the Rev. Mr. Leacock read morning prayer, after which I preached. On this occasion, I baptized *six adults* and confirmed *nine* persons.

July 1.—The examination of the pupils at the Female Institute closed to-day; when I gave the usual testimonial to six young ladies who had completed the prescribed course of study, and delivered an address. The daily morning and evening prayer has been introduced into this institution, thus making it what it was originally designed to be a seminary for the religious as well as the intellectual training of the young. I cannot conceive of a more important work than that which contemplates the Christian education of those whose position in society must necessarily exert a powerful and lasting influence. We may rationally anticipate the most happy results from the inculcation of sound religious principles and sentiments upon the minds of those who in the providence of God are destined to become the heads of families. It is a work in which every Christian and every lover of his country must be deeply interested, and under this aspect of its importance, I deem it not out of place here, to commend the institution which aims at such objects, to the prayers of the Church.

Sunday 8.—Read morning prayer and preached and performed the like services in the afternoon.

From this time until Sunday the 17th I was engaged in a visitation of a part of Mississippi, of which an account has been rendered to the convention of that diocese. On the 17th reached home in the morning in time to officiate at St. Peter's Church, Columbia.

I continued in the regular discharge of parochial duties in this parish until the 11th of August when I left home to visit the Churches at Nashville and Clarksville.

Friday and Saturday, the 12 and 13.—Morning and evening prayer was read by Mr. Wheat and I preached in Christ Church, Nashville.

Sunday 14.—I preached three times to day after prayers by Mr. Wheat and baptized *Ann Rebecca*, infant daughter of Judge Thomas and R. Maney.

Thursday 18.—Left Nashville in company with Rev. Mr. Wheat for Clarksville and arrived the next day.

Saturday 20.—Mr. Wheat read prayers in the morning and a night; sermon by myself.

Sunday 21.—After prayers in the morning and afternoon by Mr. Wheat I again preached. At night prayer was read by Mr. Nash of th —

diocese of Kentucky and Mr. Wheat preached. The congregations at all these services were large and attentive. Leaving Clarksville the next day I returned home by way of Nashville and Franklin and officiated at a funeral at Columbia on Thursday the 25th.

Sunday 28.—Read prayers and preached at St. Peter's Church, Columbia.

Tuesday 30.—Was called to visit a sick friend at Nashville, to whom I had the melancholy satisfaction of administering the sacrament of baptism and of closing his eyes in peace and in hope of a blessed resurrection.

Sunday, September 4.—With the rites and solemnities prescribed, I this day set apart and consecrated to the worship of Almighty God, St. John's Church at Ashwood the residence of Bishop Polk in Maury county. Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Horrell, the lessons by Rev. W. T. Leacock, sermon by myself and the communion service by Bishop Polk. On this occasion I baptized two adults and the following children viz: *Sally Moore*, daughter of R. K. and S. M. Polk—*James Hilliard*, son of G. W. and S. L. Polk—*Susan Raynor*, daughter of Bishop L. and F. A. Polk—*Eliza Eastin*, daughter of L. J. and M. A. Polk, and *Robert ap William*, son of Dr. W. J. and M. R. Polk. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Polk confirmed two persons.

Monday 5.—I read morning prayer in St. John's Church and the Rev. Mr. Saunders preached.

The two following Sundays I officiated in St. Peter's Church by reading prayers and preaching.

Friday 23.—Preached in St. Paul's Church, Franklin, after prayers by Mr. Wheat. In the afternoon prayers by Mr. Saunders and sermon by Mr. Wheat—At night prayers by myself and sermon by Mr. Wheat.

Saturday 24.—Prayers were read by Mr. Wheat in the morning when I baptized *Carey Allen*, son of Martha F. and C. A. Harris deceased—*William Jay, Thomas*, and *Elizabeth Griffis*, children of Thomas Parke. At the same time I preached. The weather being very inclement we had no further services that day.

Sunday 25.—Prayers were read by Mr. Saunders, morning, afternoon and at night, on each of which occasions I preached. In the morning I confirmed three persons.

Sunday, October 2.—Morning prayer was read by Rev. Mr. Leacock in St. Mark's Church, Williamsport, after which I preached.

Wednesday 5. At night prayers and sermon at St. Peter's Church, Columbia, after which I confirmed four persons.

Thursday 6.—Left home to-day in the stage to visit the Churches in the Western District, North Mississippi, and Arkansas. So far as this

visitation is concerned with this diocese, the services performed by me were the following:

Sunday 9.—At Bolivar, in St. James' Church, morning and evening prayers were read by Dr. Stephens and I preached.

Monday 10.—Left for Jackson, which place I reached in the afternoon of the same day. In consequence of a hurt received on the way I was unable to perform any service until the next day at night; when the Rev. Mr. West read prayers and I preached in the Court House.

Wednesday 12.—The Methodist Meeting House being kindly offered for our occupation, prayers were read there by Mr. West morning and at night. On these occasions I preached and also confirmed two persons.

Thursday 13.—I baptized an adult at a private house and two children, viz: *Thomas* and *William*, sons of Henry W. and Corinna Ann McCorry. Leaving Jackson the same day I reached La Grange by stage, on Friday the 14th. The Rev. Mr. Litton read evening prayer and I preached.

Saturday 15.—Prayers were read morning and evening by Mr. Litton, sermon by myself.

Sunday 16.—Mr. Litton read prayer in the morning, when I preached and confirmed five persons. In the afternoon prayers by myself and sermon by Mr. Litton. At night prayers by Mr. Litton and sermon by myself. Leaving this place next day and passing through the northern part of Mississippi, I arrived at Memphis on Friday evening the 28th.

Saturday 29.—Mr. Alston read morning prayer and I preached. At night after prayers by Mr. Matthews of Mississippi, Mr. Alston baptized two adults and I preached to a large congregation.

Sunday 30.—Morning prayer by Mr. A. sermon by myself and confirmation of fourteen persons. In the afternoon prayers were read by Mr. A. and sermon by Mr. Matthews. At night prayers by Mr. A. and a sermon by myself. From this time until the 9th of December, I was engaged in Missionary duties in Arkansas. Having reached Memphis on my return, at night on Saturday the 10th, Mr. Alston read prayers and I preached.

Sunday 11.—Morning prayer was read by Mr. A. I preached, and confirmed four persons. The like services were performed at night when I confirmed one person. Leaving Memphis the next day, in the stage, I reached home after a most fatiguing journey on the morning of the 16th Dec.

I was engaged in various parochial duties at Columbia until January 6 of this year. On that day, the Rev. Mr. Cressey of Clarksville read morning prayer in Christ Church, Nashville, when I preached. The like services were performed the next day in the same place. A

heavy fall of snow prevented our assembling together in the afternoon or at night.

Sunday 8.—In the morning prayers by Mr. Wheat and sermon by myself. In the afternoon Mr. Fackler read prayers, Mr. Cressey preached and I confirmed *four* persons. The inclemency of the weather prevented several others from coming to Church, who were desirous of confirmation, and no opportunity has since occurred, enabling them to receive that rite.

Thursday 12.—Arrived at Clarksville on a visit to Mr. Cressey's congregation.

Friday 13.—Preached morning and at night in Trinity Church, after prayers by Rev. Messrs. Cressey and Nash.

Saturday 14.—Rev. Mr. Cressey read prayers and baptized an adult; Rev. Mr. Nash preached. At night, prayer by Mr. Cressey, sermon by myself.

Sunday 15.—After morning service by Messrs. Cressey and Nash and sermon by myself, I confirmed *thirteen* persons. These are the first fruits of the Rev. Mr. C.'s ministry in this parish, furnishing gratifying evidences of the usefulness of his labors and pleasing anticipations of his future success. In the afternoon prayers were read by Mr. C. and a sermon by Mr. Nash, and at night the visitation was closed by prayers read by Mr. C. and sermon by myself. Leaving Clarksville the next day, I arrived at home once more on Wednesday, the 18th of January.

January 29.—Preached morning and at night in St. Paul's Church, Franklin, after prayers by Rev. Mr. Saunders.

February 5.—At Christ Church, Nashville; after prayers by Rev. Messrs. Wheat and Fackler, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, prayers by Mr. Fackler after which, I addressed the congregation and confirmed *nine* persons.

Sunday 12.—Officiated at the funeral of an adult at Columbia and preached. At night after prayers by Rev. Mr. Patterson, I addressed the congregation at St. Peter's Church and confirmed *four* persons.

Friday 24.—Preached in St. Peter's Church and baptized an infant, Wm. Keenan, son of Mrs. —— Hill. The next day I left home upon a visitation of the Churches in Mississippi, in which duty I have been occupied until the week past.

Upon a survey of the whole ground with the religious culture of which we are charged in the providence of God, my mind is more impressed than ever with the importance of increasing the number of our ministry. Many are the places that are now vacant within our borders, that would doubtless blossom and bear fruit abundantly to re-

ward the toil of the faithful spiritual husbandman, if such could be found to share this ministry with us. In view of our destitution in this respect, and the earnest and repeated calls made for ministerial services, from many parts of the country, I cannot but feel it my duty to urge upon my brethren the propriety not only of praying "the Lord of the harvest, to send forth laborers into his harvest," but of turning the attention of pious young men in the Church to the subject of the ministry—of proposing to them as a question worthy of serious thought and consideration, whether it be not their duty to give themselves to the work of preaching the gospel.

At the last Convention, two or three clergymen belonging to this diocese, not only failed to attend, but also omitted to send reports of the service performed by them during the ecclesiastical year. I trust that satisfactory reasons will be assigned by the brethren referred to, for their failure in duties specially enjoined on them by the Canons of this diocese and of the General Convention. Nevertheless, I shall deem it my duty, hereafter to report by name to the Convention every clergyman canonically resident in this diocese, who shall fail to furnish me with an account of his clerical services, within the second day of the assembling of the regular Annual Convention.

Since the adjournment of the last Convention, I have given my consent to the consecration of the Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D., to the office of assistant Bishop to the Rt. Rev. Dr. Griswold of the Eastern diocese and successor to him in the Episcopate of Massachusetts: Dr. Eastburn had been consecrated but a few weeks, when it pleased God to summon our venerated and beloved presiding Bishop from the scene of his earthly labors, to the reward as we humbly trust of a faithful and well spent life, in his heavenly and eternal kingdom. Few men if any in our day have been more distinguished for humble and unostentatious piety, apostolical zeal and indeed all those personal and pastoral qualifications which endear a faithful minister to the Church. Those who have been "pillars" among us, seem to be falling in rapid succession. God grant that those who remain may be animated by their spirit, and strengthened by grace to fulfil their course with equal faithfulness.

And now, Brethren, it only remains that I commend you in your present work to the gracious guidance of that blessed Spirit who is "the author of all holy desires, all good counsels and from whom all just works do proceed."

Your faithful friend and affectionate Pastor,
Memphis, May 10, 1843.

JAS. H. OTEY.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, NASHVILLE.

The Rector of Christ Church, Nashville, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese, the following statement from the register of his parish:

Families,	64
Marriages,	6
Funerals,	12
Baptisms—19 Adults, 35 Infants,	54
Confirmed,	20
Communicants—24 added past year,	97
Sunday School—17 Teachers,	104
Church Offerings,	\$327 62½
Alms and other contributions,	231 50
Contingent Fund of Convention,	20 00
	—————
	\$579 12½

It having become necessary in order to maintain our proper influence, and discharge our responsibilities, in the Christian education of our youth, that we should have parochial schools, a very successful beginning has been made in the Female Department, and we hope also to have a High School for boys, which shall be worthy of the parochial of the whole diocese.

In these labours I have been happy in securing the very efficient aid of my reverend brother, St. Michael Fackler, late of the diocese of Virginia.

J. T. WHEAT.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, FRANKLIN.

The minister of St. Paul's, Franklin, respectfully reports to the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the diocese as follows:

Families favorable to Episcopal services,	16
Communicants,	15
Baptisms, { Adults, colored 2, { Children, white 4—colored 3, }	9
Confirmed,	3
Funerals,	4
Sunday School—Teachers 4, Scholars 20.	
Collected for Domestic Missions, \$19 49.	
Paid assessment for Episcopate, 15 00.	

W. P. SAUNDERS.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, COLUMBIA.

To THE RT. REV. J. H. OTEY, D. D.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:—In presenting the following report, I would state, that not having entered on my regular parochial duties before the 1st of January, last, I can speak of the state of the Parish from that time only.

The number of Communicants may be estimated at between 35 and 40. Three new Communicants have been added. There have been but two baptisms; four persons have been confirmed. The Sunday School is under the care of a Superintendent, and four teachers, and numbers about 30 scholars. Only one contribution has been made, namely, that for Domestic Missions;—amount \$22 00. The congregation is increasing; several are preparing for confirmation; and the Parish may, on the whole, be regarded as in a flourishing condition.

With respect, &c. Rt. Rev. and dear sir, truly yours,
STEPHEN PATTERSON.

TRINITY CHURCH, CLARKSVILLE.

To THE RT. REV. JAMES H. OTEY, D. D., BISHOP OF TENNESSEE.

Number of Families,	about	20
Baptisms—Adults 2, Infants, 5—Total		7
Burials		2
Confirmed,		13
Communicants,	{ Former number, 23 Added, 13 Died, 2 }	Present No. 34

Sunday School—4 Teachers, about 20 Scholars.

Monthly Collections (from Dec. only)	•	\$25 40
Paid to Domestic Missions of the General Board,	•	10 00
Contingent Expenses of the Church,	•	9 00

Assessment for the Episcopate,

Contingent Fund of Convention.

The Rector was absent from his parish from the month of June to October inclusive. During that time there were occasional services in the church, rendered chiefly by the Rev. Mr. Nash of Kentucky. Since the Rector's return from the North with his family, he has held, regularly, three services in each week. During the season of Lent there was an additional service, without a sermon, and the daily services in Passion week. The Rector further reports, that the Parsonage is completed—thus furnishing a comfortable home for his family. The prospects of the parish seem encouraging.

E. H. CRESSEY, *Rector.*

IMMANUEL CHURCH, LA GRANGE.

The Rector of Immanuel Church, La Grange, reports to the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, the annual statement from the parish register.

Families,	{ Former number, Removed,	28	Present No.	24
Marriages,		4		2

rals,				2
sms,	{ Adults, Children, white 11—colored, 7	4 7	Total,	22
rged,				12
nunicants,	{ Former number, Removed,	49 11	Present No.	41
nts of collection in behalf of Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society,				\$21,00
ards the African Mission from the members of the colored congregation,				2,00
Church building is completed and ready for consecration. 10th, 1843.				SAMUEL G. LITTON, <i>Rector.</i>

CALVARY CHURCH, MEMPHIS.

Rector reports to the Bishop the following statement compiled
s register:

zed—Adults 16, Children 25,		41	
rmcd,		19	
nunicants,	{ Admitted, 27 Received, 23 Removed, 10 Died, 2 Repelled, 1	{ Added 50 Diminished, 13	96
ages,		3	
rals,		8	
ay School—Teachers 10, Pupils 40,			
ributions, { Assessment for the Episcopate, \$130. " " contingent expenses, \$15. } Eucharistic offerings, about \$10 monthly.			

In the last Convention, a Church has been erected, which owing
severe and protracted winter, and several untoward accidents, is
ready for consecration. Measures have been taken for the
erection of a good organ; and an eastern Churchman, (Mr. Law-
Lewis, of Philadelphia,) who had worshipped with us as he jour-
neyed sent the acceptable present of a set of communion plate.
Among the baptized reported, two adults and two children were of
the church of St. Paul's, Randolph—now vacant.

P. W. ALSTON, *Rector.*

ST. JAMES' PARISH, BOLIVAR.

Rector of St. James' Parish reports: That, through the good
grace of God, amidst age and infirmity, he has regularly per-
formed the services of his ministry, during the last conventional year,
a few weeks last August, when he was confined with a severe

condition of our congregation is nearly the same as at the last
report. We have had no additions by confirmation, or to the
congregation; and we lost one member by removal.

There has been nothing done towards finishing the Church, as the
members are somewhat in arrears, and are not willing to incur addition-

al responsibilities. But still we have hopes, by the blessing of Divine Providence, that we shall have the pulpit and pews completed this summer, and be ready for consecration in the fall. I think that the congregation would increase considerably, if we had comfortable seats.

We are improving in singing and responding.

Baptisms, (Infants 2, Adults 1,)	3
Communicants,	11
Confirmations,	0
Marriages,	0
Funerals,	1
Sunday School, for want of Teachers,	0
Collections for Missionary Society, \$10.	

All of which is respectfully submitted, by

DANIEL STEPHENS.

FEMALE INSTITUTE, COLUMBIA.

To THE RT. REV. JAMES H. OTEY, D. D.

The undersigned, Rector of the Female Institute, Columbia, Tennessee—respectfully reports:

That the election of the Rev. Mr. Patterson to the Rectorship of St. Peter's Church, Columbia, has released him from the occasional services in that church, which he was accustomed to perform in previous years.

Through the continued blessing of God, the Female Institute is steadily advancing in the pursuit of its elevated aims—female education on Christian principles. Our present scholastic year has been distinguished for a most happy increase of our religious privileges, in the establishment of the regular Morning and Evening Prayers of the Church, the services being performed at sunrise and sunset every day, and attended upon by all the members of the Institute family. The belief is confidently cherished that these sacred duties have not been felt as a weariness by any, and that a large portion of the family have found them an important and delightful means of spiritual strength and refreshment. Throughout our interesting charge, there is evidently an increasing seriousness of mind, accompanied by a growing amiableness of disposition and deportment, which richly reward the cares and labors of their teachers.

In the midst of unprecedented pecuniary difficulties, the patronage of this school has been steadily increasing. Its means of usefulness have been enlarged in a greater proportion, until it numbers, besides yourself and the Rev. Mr. Patterson, as occasional Lecturers, fifteen Teachers residing in the family, and devoting their efforts out of school as well as in, and by night as well as by day, to the moral and intellectual improvement of the daughters placed under our care.

May 10th, 1843.

F. G. SMITH.

To THE RT. REV. J. H. OTEY.

The undersigned respectfully reports, that since his connection with the Diocese in December last, he has been assisting the Rector of Christ Church, Nashville, in the duties of his parish, and has generall

read the service and preached once each Sunday. He has officiated at one funeral and also preached twice to the convicts in the State Prison.

ST. M. FACKLER.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

8th June, '42—The canonical Testimonial for Priest's Orders was granted to Rev. Wm. P. Saunders.

11th July, '42—Consent was given to the consecration of the Rev. John Johns, D. D. of Md. to the Episcopate, as assistant Bishop of Virginia.

28th Oct. '42—Consent was given to the consecration of the Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D. of N. Y. to the Episcopate, as assistant Bishop of Massachusetts.

20th Jan '43—A. M. Scott and John A. L. Norman, both of Ark., were recommended to the Bishop as candidates for Orders.

J. T. WHEAT, *President,*

APPENDIX.

A.

Contingent Fund in account with Jno. Anderson, Treasurer.

1842.	DR.	
May—To Cash paid Rev. E. Reed per receipt,	\$6,75	
Sept.—To do. paid J. H. McMahon, per account,	60,00	
1843.		
May—To do. paid Rev. J. T. Wheat, Secretary, 2 years assessments, for Christ Church, Nashville,	40,00	
To amount of order on the Vestry of St. Peter's, Columbia, in favor of Rev. J. T. Wheat, Secretary, 2 years assessments,	40,00	
To amount of order on Vestry of St. Mark's, Williamsport, in favor of Rev. J. T. Wheat, Secretary, 2 years assessments,	10,00	
Balance on hand,	78,25	
	<hr/>	\$235,00
1842.	CR.	
May—By balance from of acc't rendered last Convention,	\$75,00	
1843.		
May—By Cash rec'd of Trinity ch. Clarksville,	10,00	
“ do rec'd of St. James' Bolivar,	10,00	
“ do rec'd of Calvary, Memphis,	15,00	
“ do rec'd of St. Luke's, Jackson,	5,00	
“ do rec'd of St. Paul's, Randolph,	15,00	
“ do rec'd of Immanuel, La Grango,	15,00	
“ am't of order on Vestry of St. Petor's, Columbia, in favor of Rev. J. T. Wheat, Secretary, 2 years,	40,00	
“ am't of order on St. Mark's, Williamsport, in favor of Rev. J. T. Wheat, Secretary, 2 years,	10,00	
“ am't rec'd 2 years assessment on Christ Church, Nashville,	40,00	<hr/> \$235,00
1843.		
May—By balance on hand,	\$78,25	
<i>An account of assessments received from the Churches for the Episcopate, and paid over to the Bishop since the Convention held in 1842.</i>		
St. Paul's Church, Franklin, in full to 1st July, 1843,	\$15,00	
Trinity Church, Clarksville, bal'o-in full to do.	5,00	

Calvary Church, Memphis, in full to 1st July, 1843,	130,00
St. Luke's, Jackson, bal'c in full to do.	5,00
St. Andrew's, Fayette County,	12,50
Immanuel Church, La Grange, assessments due 1st Jan., 1843,	65,00
Zion Church, Brownsville, rec'd old assessment,	20,00
Dr. Oldham's annual subscription to Bishop, 2 years,	50,00

\$302,50

Amount of assessments for the Episcopate, due and unpaid from the following Churches to the 1st January, 1843.

Christ Church, Nashville,	\$562,50
St. Peter's Church, Columbia,	100,00
St. Mark's Church, Williamsport,	22,50

\$3685,00

B.**DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**

The annual meeting was held on Saturday evening the 13th May. Bishop Otey presided, the Rev. Mr. Wheat acted as Secretary, and A. O. Harris as Treasurer, pro tem. S. P. Walker Esq., was re-elected Treasurer. The following Subscriptions were paid:

Rt. Rev. J. H. Otey, D. D.	\$2,00	Sarah Cotton,	2,00
Rev. S. G. Litton,	2,00	John Henderson,	2,00
“ Dr. Stephens,	2,00	Mrs. do.	2,00
“ P. W. Alston,	2,00	Elizabeth do.	2,00
“ S. Patterson,	2,00	Dr. Daniel do.	2,00
“ E. H. Cressey,	2,00	Mrs. do.	2,00
“ J. T. Wheat,	2,00	Mary Wright,	2,00
Thomas M. Batt,	2,00	James Alston,	2,00
E. W. Rowlett,	2,00	Mary H. do. sen'r.	2,00
J. W. Quarles,	2,00	Mary H. do. jr.	2,00
John G. Lonsdale,	2,00	Ann S. J. do.	2,00
John P. Trezevant,	2,00	Alex. Scrymseour do.	2,00
Louisa R. do.	2,00	J. T. Trezevant,	2,50
A. O. Harris,	2,00	Mrs. do.	2,50
Mrs. do.	2,00	Dr. Oldham,	5,00
Edward Reed do.	2,00	Mrs. do.	5,00
Eliza Woods,	2,00	Mrs. Stith,	2,00
Mary Walker,	4,00	Mrs. Loroy Pope,	2,00
Charles Tomes,	3,00	John K. Chester,	2,00
Mary Shanks,	2,00	James Rose,	2,00
Master do..	25	Mrs. do.	2,00
W. H. Stephens,	2,00	Mrs. S. Polk,	2,00
Calvin Jones,	2,00	Mrs. Geo. Philips.	2,00
Ann Eliza Fitzhugh,	2,00	Edmund Bray,	2,00
J. J. Potts,	2,00	Mrs. Dr. Watkins,	2,00
F. H. Dickens,	6,00		
J. W. Burton,	2,00		

\$116,25

To this amount the Communion collection on Sunday of \$65,69. was added, making together \$181 94 cts.

C.

CONSTITUTION

OR THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
OF TENNESSEE.

THE Clergy and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Tennessee, for the purpose of promoting the cause of Religion and Piety, establishing order, and securing to themselves and posterity the advantages of the ministry and ordinances of the church, do ordain and establish this constitution.

ARTICLE 1. The Diocese shall be known and distinguished by the name of the Diocese of Tennessee.

ART. 2. The Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, is hereby acceded to, and adopted, and its authority fully recognized and acknowledged.

ART. 3. A Convention of the churches in this diocese shall be held annually, at such time and place as the last preceding Convention may appoint; and the Bishop, or if there be no resident Bishop, the Standing Committee may call a special Convention, whenever he or they may deem it expedient, at such time and place as he or they may think suitable.

ART. 4. The Convention shall be composed of the Clergy and Lay Delegates, constituting one deliberative body. All regularly ordained ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, whether pastors of congregations, or instructors of youth, shall be entitled to seats in the Convention. Each congregation shall have the privilege of sending three Lay Delegates, any one of whom may represent them in Convention.

ART. 5. The clergy and lay delegates shall, in Convention, deliberate in one body, and shall vote as such, and the votes of a majority of clergy and laity shall decide any question. But, when requested by any two members, the two orders shall vote separately and the concurrence of a majority of each order shall be necessary to its decision.

ART. 6. The Bishop, if there be one, shall be *ex-officio* president of the Convention. He may make any motion, but shall not enter into debate; and he may deliver his sentiments on any subject, after it has been discussed, and before any vote thereon. If there be no Bishop, or in case of his absence, a president *pro tem*, shall be appointed from the order of the clergy.

ART. 7. A Secretary shall be elected annually, whose duty it shall be to record the proceedings of the Convention, to notify the churches generally of the time and place of the meeting of Convention, [to preserve Journals and Records, to attest the public proceedings, to continue in office until a successor be appointed, and to deliver into his hands all books and papers belonging to the Convention.*]

*Proposed amendment.

A Treasurer shall also be elected annually, whose duty it shall be to receive and disburse the funds of the Convention by the order thereof. He shall render an account of his transactions to each annual Convention.

ART. 8. A standing Committee of four persons, two of the clerical and two of the lay order, shall be chosen at each annual meeting of the Convention, with power to fill vacancies in their body, and generally, to perform all other acts which may be required of them by the canons of the General Convention, or the Convention of this diocese.

ART. 9. Each congregation shall, on Easter Monday, or as soon thereafter as may be in each year, elect a vestry, consisting of not less than five, nor more than eleven persons, whose duty it shall be to attend to the temporal concerns of the church. They shall appoint two wardens out of their own body, a secretary and treasurer, and appoint delegates to the diocesan convention, and exercise all other powers vested in them by the usages of the church; continuing in office until new vestry is chosen.

ART. 10. The election of a Bishop of this diocese, shall be by nomination of a majority of the clergy in Convention assembled; and if such nomination be confirmed by a majority of the laity in said Convention, the person thus chosen shall be declared duly elected. But no election shall be considered legal, unless a majority of all the congregations shall be present by their clerical and lay delegates, and take part in the same.

ART. 11. The Book of Common Prayer and administration of the sacraments, and other rites and ceremonies of the church, as set forth by the General Convention, shall be used in the several churches of this diocese.

ART. 12. Any proposition for the alteration and amendment of this constitution must be made in writing, and assented to by a majority of the members in Convention. It shall then lie over for consideration until the next Convention, and shall require for its adoption the suffrages of two thirds of the members present. [The vote by orders shall not be taken on this question.*]

CANONS

If the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Tennessee.

CANON I.

Of the Admission of New Churches.

Whenever any number of persons, not less than ten, shall associate to form an Episcopal Church, they shall adopt articles of association or their government, in which they shall acknowledge and accede to the constitution, canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and the constitution and canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the diocese of Tennessee; they shall assume a suitable name by which their church or parish may be designated, and appoint, not less than five, nor more than eleven vestrymen. A certified copy of the articles of association, and of the proceedings at their adoption, shall then be laid before the Convention,

*Proposed to be stricken out.

and if approved by that body, delegates from the church or parish may take seats in the Convention; and the church shall be considered as united to the Convention; and subject to its decisions.

CANON II.

Of the Reception of Clergymen in this Diocese.

No Clergyman shall be admitted to the pastoral charge of any congregation in this diocese, without producing to the vestry thereof a certificate from the Bishop, or in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, from the Standing Committee, that he has produced to him or them testimonials of his religious and moral conduct, as prescribed by the canons of the General Convention.

CANON III.

SECTION. 1. The trial of a clergyman of this diocese, shall be, on presentment made to the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, in writing, specifying the offences of which the accused is alleged to be guilty, with reasonable certainty as to time, place and circumstances, signed by the party making it; and every presentment of a clergyman shall be, either by the Convention of the diocese, by the vestry and church wardens of the parish to which such clergyman may belong, or by one or more presbyters of the Church, entitled to seats in Convention.

SEC. 2. Whenever from public rumor, or otherwise, the Bishop shall have reason to believe that any Clergyman is under the imputation of having been guilty of any offence or misconduct, for which he is liable to be tried, and that the interest of the Church requires an investigation, it shall be his duty to appoint three persons, of whom one at least shall be a Presbyter, to examine the case: a majority of whom may make such examination, and if there is in their opinion sufficient ground for presentment, shall present the Clergyman accordingly.

SEC. 3. A presentment being made in any one of the modes above prescribed, the Bishop, if the facts charged shall not appear to him to be such as constitute an offence, may dismiss it: or if it allege facts some of which do, and some of which do not constitute an offence, he may allow it in part and dismiss the residue, or he may permit it to be amended. When it shall be allowed in whole or in part, the Bishop shall cause a copy of it to be served on the accused; and shall also nominate six Presbyters of this diocese entitled to seats in the Convention—if there be so many—and if not all the Presbyters of the diocese—entitled to seats in the Convention, and not being parties to the presentment, and cause a list of their names to be served on the accused, who shall within thirty days after such service, select three of them and notify their names in writing to the Bishop; and if he shall not give such notification to the Bishop within the said thirty days, the Bishop shall select three, and the Presbyters so selected shall form a Board for the trial of the accused, and shall meet at such time and place as the Bishop shall direct, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, (but always within this diocese,) as they shall think necessary.

SEC. 4. A written notice of the time and place of their first meet-

ing, shall be served at least thirty days before such meeting, on the accused, and also on one of the persons making the presentment.

Sec. 5. If at the time appointed for the first meeting of the Board of Presbyters, the whole number of three shall not attend, then those who do attend, being at least two in number, may adjourn from time to time; and if after one adjournment or more, it shall appear to them improbable that the whole number will attend within a reasonable time, then shall the accused, or, in case of his failure to do so—the Bishop—appoint another to complete the Board—who shall then proceed to the trial, and a majority of them shall decide all questions.

Sec. 6. If a Clergyman presented shall confess the truth of the facts alleged in the presentment, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to proceed to pass sentence; and if he shall not confess them before the appointment of a Board for his trial, as before mentioned, he shall be considered as denying them.

Sec. 7. If a Clergyman presented, after having had due notice, shall not appear before the Board of Presbyters appointed for his trial, the Board may nevertheless proceed as if he were present, unless for good cause they shall see fit to adjourn till another day.

Sec. 8. When the Board proceed to the trial, they shall hear such evidence as shall be produced, which evidence shall be reduced to writing, and signed by the witnesses respectively; and at the desire of either party, may be sworn to or affirmed by the witnesses respectively before the President of the Court. If on or during the trial, the accused shall confess the truth of the charges as stated in the presentment, the Board may dispense with hearing further evidence, and may proceed at once to state their opinion to the Bishop as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced.

Sec. 9. Upon the application of either party to the Bishop, and it being made satisfactorily to appear to him, that any material witness cannot be procured upon the trial, the Bishop may appoint a commissary to take the testimony of such witness. Such commissary may be either a Clergyman or Layman, and the party so applying, shall give to the other at least six days notice of the time and place of taking the testimony. And if the person on whom the notice shall be served, shall reside more than forty miles from the place of examination, an additional day's notice shall be given for every additional twenty miles of the said distance—and both parties may attend and examine the witness; and the questions and answers shall be reduced to writing and signed by the witness, and shall be certified by the commissary, and enclosed under his seal and transmitted to the Board, and shall be received by them as evidence. A witness examined before such commissary, may be sworn or affirmed by him.

Sec. 10. The Board having deliberately considered the evidence, shall declare in a writing signed by them, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether the accused is guilty or not guilty of such charges respectively, and also stating the sentence which in their opinion should be pronounced; and a copy of such decision shall be without delay communicated to the accused; and the original decision, together with the ev-

idence shall be delivered to the Bishop, who shall pronounce such canonical sentence as shall appear to him to be proper, provided the same shall not exceed in severity the sentence recommended by the Board; and such sentence shall be final. Before pronouncing any sentence, the Bishop shall summon the accused and any two or more of the Clergy to meet him at such time as may in his opinion be most convenient, in some church to be designated by him, which shall for that purpose be open at the time to all persons who may chose to attend, and the sentence shall then and there be publicly pronounced by the Bishop. But the Bishop, if he shall be satisfied that justice requires it, may grant a new trial to the accused, in which case a new Board of Presbyters shall be appointed, the proceedings before whom shall be conducted as before mentioned.

Sec. 11. All notices and papers contemplated in this Canon may be served by a summoner or summoners, to be appointed for the purpose by the Bishop, and whose certificate of such service shall be evidence thereof. In case of service by any other person, the fact shall be proved by the affidavit of such person. A written notice or paper delivered to a party, or left at his last place of residence, shall be deemed a sufficient service of such notice or paper, provided however, that the service, if not personal, shall be a notice of at least sixty days.

Sec. 12. The accused may have the privilege of appearing by counsel, in case of the exercise of which privilege, and not otherwise, those who present shall have also the like privilege; which counsel shall in all cases be members of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Sec. 13. The record of all proceedings upon a presentment of a Clergyman, shall be preserved by the Standing Committee, and for that purpose shall, after a final decision, be delivered to their Secretary.

CANON IV.

The Clergy required to attend the meetings of the Convention.

SECTION 1. Whereas the regular attendance of the clergy at the meetings of the Convention is of essential importance to the interests of the church; this duty is hereby enjoined on them.

Sec. 2. And whereas it is often found necessary to travel a considerable distance, to the place of meeting of the Convention, it is hereby made the duty of the several parishes to make provision for the expenses of their clergy in attending Convention, either by a collection in Church on Sunday, or by some other mode.

CANON V.

Ministers of Parishes to keep a Register.

SECTION 1. The Parish Register required by Canon 29, of the General Convention of 1832, shall specify the name and the time of the birth of the child baptized, with the names of the parents and sponsors; the names of the adults baptized and of the witnesses: the names of the parties married, and of two or more special witnesses of the same and the place where the marriage was solemnized: the names of the persons buried and also the time in which each rite was performed. It shall also contain the names of persons confirmed and a list of the communi-

nicants. These Registers shall be kept by the minister in a suitable book to be provided by the vestry, which book shall be the Parish Register and shall be preserved by the vestry as a part of the records of the Church.

Sec. 2. Every minister of this diocese shall, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, present or send to the Bishop—or if there be no Bishop, to the President of the Convention—a statement of the number of the confirmed, and the number of those who regularly partake of the Lord's Supper: specifying the additions or removals under each head; and the number of marriages and funerals: He shall also report the number of pupils and teachers connected with Sunday-School instruction in the parish, and the amount of the "Offerings of the Church:" stating the objects to which such offerings are appropriated, and what has been done in compliance with the requisitions of the Convention. The parochial report may also present concisely any other matters of fact which show the state of the parish.

Sec. 3. In every case where a parish is destitute of a minister, the Register contemplated in this canon, shall be kept by some person appointed by the vestry for that purpose.

CANON VI.

Delegates to be chosen to represent the diocese in General Convention.

The Convention at each annual meeting shall choose delegates to attend the General Convention. And should the delegation elected to represent the diocese in General Convention be unable to attend, then the Bishop, or where there is no Bishop the Standing Committee, shall have power to appoint a delegate or delegates in behalf of the diocese.

CANON VII.

Certificates to be required of lay delegates to the Diocesan Convention.

The appointment of lay delegates to the Convention of the diocese shall be certified in writing by the rector, or warden, or the secretary of the vestry, of the proper church. And no person shall be admitted as a Lay Delegate in this Convention who is not entitled to vote for vestrymen in the parish which he claims to represent.

CANON VIII.

Parochial Assessments.

SECTION 1. The vestry of every parish in this diocese shall pay to the treasurer of the Convention, at each annual meeting thereof, its assessment for the contingent expenses of the diocese:—and also, to the same officer, its assessment for the support of the Episcopate, one half thereof on the first day of March, and the other half on the first day of September in each year.

Sec. 2. The treasurer shall at least one month previously to the meeting of every stated Convention, call upon the vestry of each parish to send its assessment for the contingent expenses, including arrearages, if there be any, by the hands of the delegates to the Convention. And he shall also draw upon the vestry of each parish, at thirty days notice, on the 1st of March, and on the 1st of September, in each year,

for one half of its assessment for the support of the Episcopate; and if there be any arrearages on first assessments, he shall forward at the same time a statement thereof.

Sec. 3. The treasurer shall regularly charge the said assessments on his books against each vestry, crediting the same with payments when made; and shall report annually to the Convention the state of his accounts with each parish, which report shall be entered on the Journals of the Convention.

CANON IX.

Directing the mode of organizing the Convention.

The Convention shall be opened with prayer, after which the Bishop or President of the Convention shall proceed to organize in the following manner. A list of the clergy entitled to seats furnished by the Bishop shall first be called. The Bishop or President, shall appoint a committee of two clergymen to examine the certificates of the lay delegates who shall report thereupon, the names of such persons as are entitled to seats. The Convention shall then proceed to elect a Secretary, which being done, the Bishop or President shall pronounce the Convention duly organized. The Convention sermon shall be preached by the Bishop or by some clergyman appointed by the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, in the evening of the first day of the Convention.

CANON X.

Of Missions and of Education for the Ministry.

SECTION 1. The Church of Christ being essentially a Missionary institution, and every part thereof pledged, by the Christian profession, to the support of the Missionary work; and the education of young men, for the ministry, being necessary to the furtherance of the gospel, in the same work—it is solemnly urged upon every member of the church, that he consider his Christian profession as involving direct obligation to promote these objects.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of every minister in this diocese, to instruct the people of his charge, in relation to these objects. And it is recommended to every member of the church, to lay by him, on the first day of the week, in store, for these purposes as God has prospered him, according to the Apostolic direction. It is recommended that there be in every parish in this diocese a monthly collection on Sunday, the avails of which shall be forwarded quarterly by the wardens thereof to the treasurer of the Missionary and Education Committee.

Sec. 3. There shall be at each annual meeting of the Convention a committee, consisting of the Bishop of the diocese, *ex-officio*, and four other members—two clerical and two lay, elected by ballot, to be called the Missionary and Education Committee; to which shall be committed the appointment and regulation of beneficiaries, the appointing of missionaries and missionary stations, and making of all appropriations of money for either object; and no money shall be paid by the Treasurer but by an order of the Committee.

Sec. 4. It shall be the privilege of the contributors to designate to which purpose, and also to which branch of the missionary cause, if

such be the designation, their contribution shall be applied. If no designation be made, it shall be at the disposal of the Committee.

SEC. 5. The Bishop of the diocese shall preside in all meetings of the Committee, when he is present, if absent, a chairman *pro tem.* shall be appointed. The Committee shall appoint a Secretary and Treasurer.

SEC. 6. The Committee shall meet annually at the place and on the first day of the annual Convention of the diocese, and at such other times and places as the president may from time to time appoint, or as may be found convenient on their own adjournment. Three attending members shall be a quorum, and every meeting shall be opened with prayer.

SEC. 7. No beneficiary or missionary shall be appointed without the written consent of the Bishop of the diocese, or in case there shall be no Bishop, the Standing Committee of the same, which consent shall be entered on the minutes.

SEC. 8. At every annual meeting of the Committee, the Secretary of the same shall submit a report of the transactions of the year, then terminated, which with the Treasurer's report of the receipts and expenditures shall be laid before the Convention.

SEC. 9. Vacancies in the Committee, occurring during the recess of the Convention, may be supplied by the Committee.

CANON XI.

Providing for a Book Depository.

SECTION 1. At every stated Convention there shall be appointed a Sunday School, Bible, Prayer Book, and Tract Committee, to consist of the Bishop, and two clerical and two lay members of Convention, whose duty it shall be to establish and keep up one depository or more, of Sunday School books, Bibles, Prayer Books and Tracts, which Bibles and other books shall be sold to any parish at cost.

SEC. 2. This Committee shall appoint its own officers and agents, and shall report to each Convention the condition of the depository.

CANON XII.

Of the Secretary of the Convention.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to transmit annually to each of the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States, and to the Secretary of the last house of clerical and lay Deputies in the General Convention, to the Conservator of ecclesiastical documents appointed by the General Convention, and to the secretary of every diocesan Convention, a copy of the Journal of the Convention: and shall request the last to send copies of their respective Journals in exchange. He shall also transmit a copy to each clergyman and each lay deputy attending the Convention, and forward by mail, unless otherwise directed, ten copies to each church in the diocese.

SEC. 2. Whenever there shall be a vacancy in the office of Secretary of the Convention, the duties thereof shall devolve upon the Secretary of the Standing Committee.

SEC. 3. Any expense incurred by a compliance with the several

sections of this Canon shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the diocese.

CANON XIII.

Of Elections.

SECTION 1. All the officers of this Convention shall be elected by ballot; but elections by ballot may be dispensed with by a unanimous vote of the Convention.

SEC. 2. In all cases of failure or omission to elect officers by the Convention, the persons last elected shall continue in office until others be chosen.

CANON XIV.

An Episcopate Fund.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of every parish in this diocese, to make a collection for the support of the Episcopate, on Easter of each year, which shall be forwarded without delay, by the Treasurer of the parish, to the Treasurer of the diocese. The fund thus collected shall, for the time being, be safely invested for accumulation. The Convention shall appoint two Trustees to act with the Treasurer in the investment of this fund, and of any other funds which may be given by bequest or otherwise for this purpose.

SEC. 2. The moneys thus collected for this purpose shall be allowed to accumulate until they shall reach the sum of Fifteen Thousand dollars, when the interest thereof shall be applied to the support of the Episcopate.

CANON XV.

SECTION 1. No proposed alteration or addition to the Canons shall hereafter be considered by the Convention, unless at least one day's previous notice be given thereof in open Convention; nor unless by unanimous consent, until such alteration or addition shall have been referred to and reported upon by a committee of at least two presbyters and one layman.

SEC. 2. Any Canon may be suspended temporarily by unanimous consent.

CANON XVI.

Whenever a clergyman shall refuse or neglect to discharge any duties growing out of an appointment under these Canons, without assigning to the Ecclesiastical authority sufficient and satisfactory reasons for such neglect, he shall be liable to ecclesiastical proceedings or censure.

CANON XVII.

SECTION 1. Whenever there shall be a repealing clause in any Canon and the said Canon shall be repealed, such repeal shall not be a re-enactment of the Canon or Canons repealed by the said repealing clause.

SEC. 2. The provisions of this Canon shall also apply to Canons heretofore passed having repealing clauses.

CANON XVIII.

All former Canons of this Convention are hereby repealed.

D.

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION IN FORMING CHURCHES.

Extract from the Journal of Convention of 1830.

Resolved, That it be recommended to each congregation of this Diocese now existing, and also to each congregation which may hereafter be formed, before it shall be received into union with this Convention, to adopt articles of association, declaratory of the objects of the congregation, and for increasing the facilities for the transaction of any business; and that the following form be adopted as near as circumstances will allow.

Form of Articles of Association for Congregations.

Whereas the following named persons, citizens of _____ and its vicinity, in Tennessee, viz: _____, together with others, have associated together for the purpose of forming and establishing a church in which the worship of God shall be conducted according to the faith and discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, and have for that purpose formed a congregation at _____ now, at this date, worshipping in _____. They do hereby declare the following to be the objects, articles and conditions of their association:

1. The name of the association or congregation shall be the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of _____ church.
2. This church acknowledges itself to be a member of, and to belong to the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Tennessee, and the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America. As such it accedes to, recognises, and adopts the constitution, canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Tennessee, and of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and acknowledges their authority accordingly.
3. Any member of this church or association, who shall disclaim, or refuse conformity to the said authority, shall cease to be a member of this association, and shall not be elected or vote in the election of Vestrymen, or exercise any office or function in, concerning or connected with the said church or association.
4. The rents and revenues of this association shall be from time to time applied for the maintenance and support of the rector, ministers, and officers of the said church, and of the church, church-yard, and parsonage house, and other houses which now do, or may hereafter belong to the said association, and to no other purpose whatever.
5. The said association or church, or trustees, in whose name their property shall be vested, shall not by deed, or by any other means, without the consent of the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in whose diocese this church shall, for the time, canonically be, under his hand; or in case of a vacancy in the Episcopal office, of the Standing Committee of the said diocese, by a major number thereof, under their

hands, previously had and obtained, grant, alien, or otherwise dispose of, any lands, messuages, tenements, or hereditaments in them vested for the use and benefit of the said church or congregation, nor charge nor encumber the same to any person whomever.

6. The rector of this church shall be elected by the wardens and vestrymen, in open meeting, duly convened for that purpose. The vestry of this church shall consist of not less than five, nor more than eleven persons, members of the said church, who shall continue in office one year, and until others be chosen; and the election of said vestrymen shall be made, annually, on Easter Monday, by a majority of such persons, worshippers in the said church, and not disqualified under the second of these articles, as shall appear by the vestry books to have paid two successive years, immediately preceding the time of the election, the full rent of a pew or seat in the said church, or contributed in any other regular way towards the support of the church or ministry; *provided*, that until the expiration of two years from Easter Monday next after the opening the said church edifice for regular worship, any worshippers in the said congregation, who shall have contributed and paid any sum for the building of the said church, or who shall have contributed and paid any sum to the support of the rector or minister thereof, and not disqualified as above, shall be entitled to vote at the election of vestrymen. And if the election of vestrymen should not be effected on Easter Monday, it may take place on any subsequent day, notice to that effect being given publicly, to the congregation, on the Sunday immediately preceding the same.

7. No person shall be rector, or minister, or assistant minister of this church, or allowed to execute any of the functions of the same, unless he shall be recognized by the Bishop in whose diocese this church shall canonically be; or, if there be no Bishop, then by the Standing Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of Tennessee as a minister of Protestant Episcopal, in good standing.

8. The said Vestry shall have power to elect two church wardens, and such other officers as may be required by the canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, or by the constitution and canons of the said church in Tennessee, or shall seem to them to be necessary—they shall exercise all other powers customarily belonging to their office, and in case of a vacancy in the rectory, shall exercise all the powers, by these articles vested in the rector, wardens, and vestrymen: *Provided always*, that it shall be the duty of the said wardens and vestrymen to elect another rector to supply such vacancy as soon as conveniently may be.

9. In case of the dissolution of this association for any cause whatever, the lands, tenements, and other estate, real or personal, if such there be, shall vest in the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in whose diocese this church may, at the time be, and his canonical successors; to be by him and them held in trust for the benefit of a future congregation of members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, which may be formed in the same vicinity, and upon the same principles as the present church, and this association.

E.

LIST OF COMMITTEES.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

Rev. J. T. Wheat, Nashville, Pres., Rev. E. H. Cressey, John Shelby and F. B. Fogg.

MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Rev. Messrs. F. G. Smith and S. Patterson, J. H. Thomas and S. P. Walker, Treasurer.

COMMITTEE ON BOOK DEPOSITORY.

Rev. Messrs. J. T. Wheat and P. W. Alston, John Shelby and M. Watson.

COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPATE FUND.

Geo. Anderson and John Pollard Trezevant.

TRUSTEES OF PENSION FUND.

Rev. Messrs. Wheat & Patterson, F. B. Fogg & M. Watson, Treasurer.

TRUSTEES OF GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. Messrs. S. G. Litton and J. T. Wheat.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONVENTION.

Rev. Messrs. P. W. Alston, E. H. Cressey, S. G. Litton and J. T. Wheat, and of the laity W. G. Dickinson T. W. Frazer, A. O. Harris, and J. P. Trezevant.

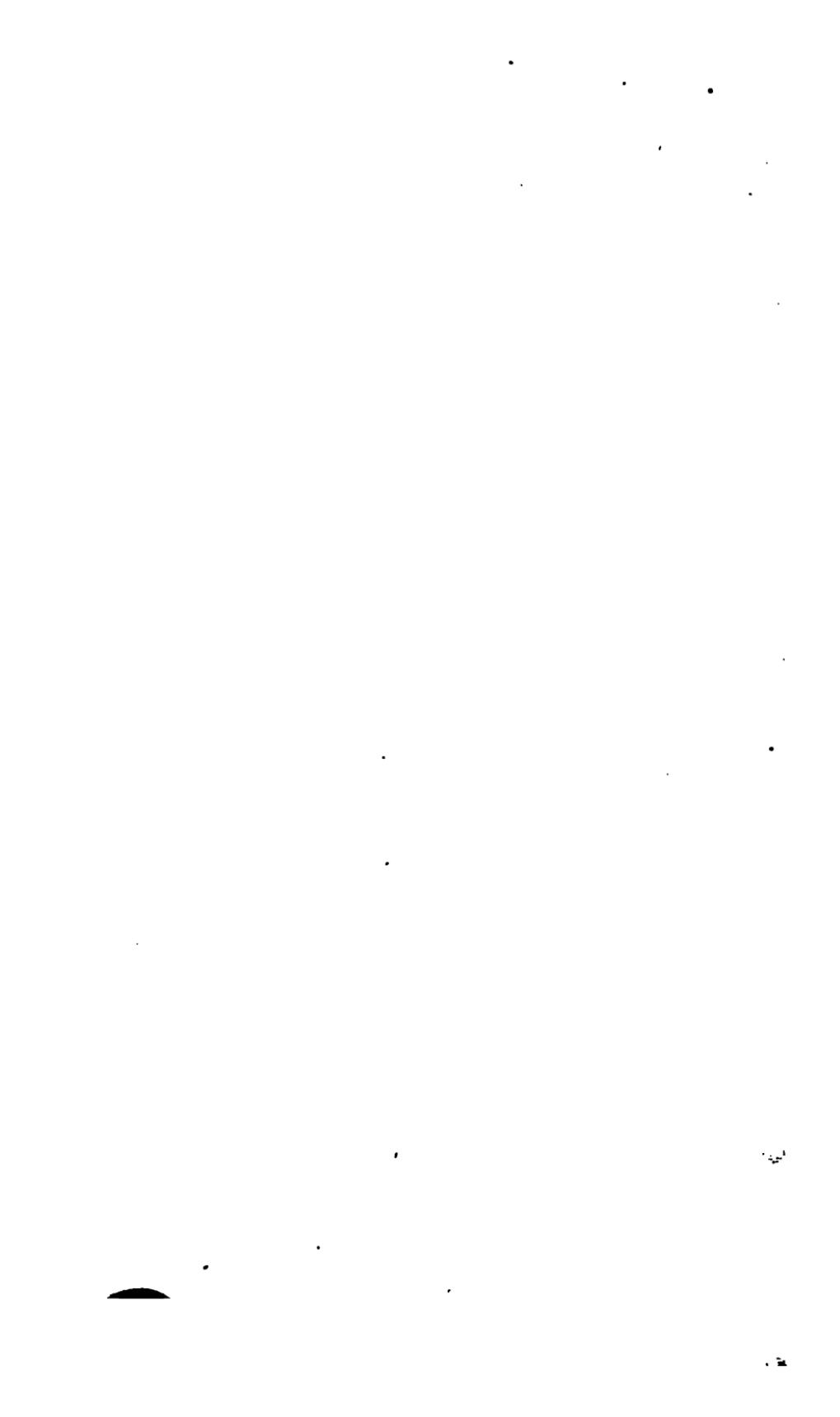
TREASURER.

John Anderson, La Grange.

SECRETARY.

Rev. J. T. Wheat, Nashville.

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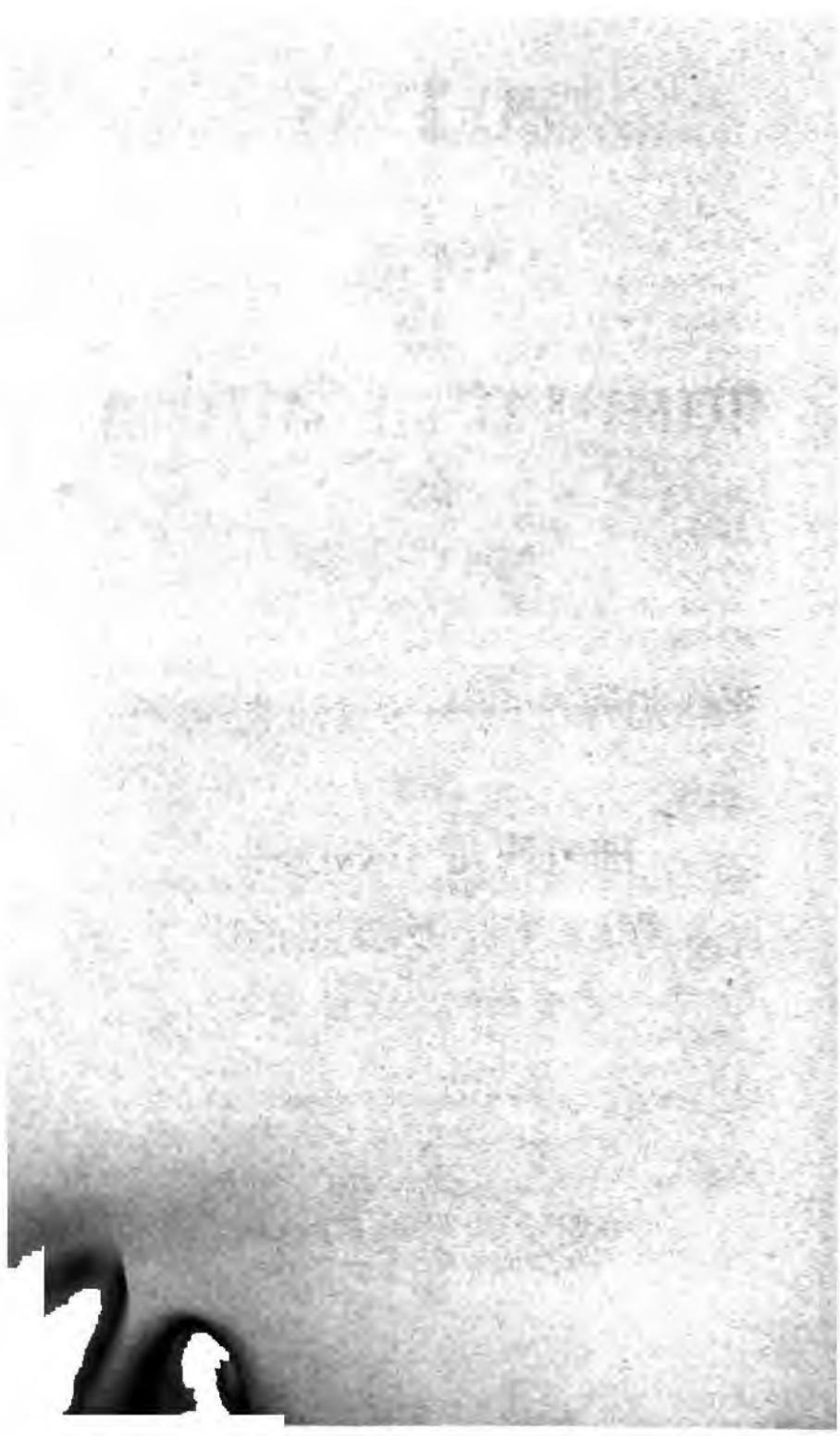


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CLERGY AND LAITY
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
IN THE
DIOCESE OF TENNESSEE.
HELD IN CHRIST CHURCH, NASHVILLE,

On 22d, 23d, 24th and 25th May, 1844.

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**LIST OF CLERGYMEN BELONGING TO THE DIOCESE OF
TENNESSEE.**

Rt. Rev. JAMES HERVEY OTEY, D. D., Diocesan.

Rev. PHILIP W. ALSTON, Rector of Calvary Church, Memphis.
“ E. HARRISON CRESSEY, “ “ Trinity “ Clarksville.
* “ LOUIS JANSEN, Minister of St. Luke’s, Jackson.
“ SAMUEL G. LITTON, Rector of Immanuel Church, LaGrange.
“ JOHN NOBLE, Principal of Academy at Pulaski.
“ WM. P. SAUNDERS, Rector of St. Paul’s, Franklin.
* “ FRANKLIN G. SMITH, “ “ Columbia Fem. Institute.
* “ DANIEL STEPHENS, D. D. “ “ St. James’, Bolivar.
“ CHARLES TOMES, “ “ St. John’s, Knoxville.
“ JOHN THOS. WHEAT, “ “ Christ Church, Nashville.

* Not present at this Convention.

NOT ENTITLED TO SEATS BUT CANONICALLY RESIDENT.

Rev. WM. LEACOCK, officiating in Mississippi.
“ STEPHEN PATTERSON, “ “ Alabama.
“ WILLIAM STEELE “ “ Louisiana.

LIST OF LAY DELEGATES.

From Christ Ch. Nashville, Francis B. Fogg,
John Shelby, M. D.
Timothy Kezer,
“ *St. Peter's, Columbia*, Wm. J. Polk, M. D.
E. Shegog,
H. R. Robards, M. D.
“ *Trinity, Clarksville*, Thomas W. Frazer,
Thomas J. Donoho, M. D.
Sam'l. G. Ward,
“ *St. Luke's Jackson*, James Caruthers,
James L. Talbot,
* Wm. H. Stephens.
“ *Zion, Brownsville*, James W. Rogers,
“ *St. James, Bolivar*, *Edwin P. McNeal,
*Edwin Polk,
St. John's, Knoxville, Frank A. Ramsey, M. D.
Thos. W. Humes,
Wm. B. French.

* Not present at this Convention.

LIST OF PARISHES ENTITLED TO REPRESENTATION.

CHRIST CHURCH,	-	-	-	<i>Nashville.</i>
ST. PAUL'S,	-	-	-	<i>Franklin,</i>
ST. PETER'S,	-	-	-	<i>Columbia.</i>
TRINITY,	-	-	-	<i>Clarksville.</i>
IMMANUEL,	-	-	-	<i>La Grange.</i>
ST. LUKE'S,	-	-	-	<i>Jackson.</i>
ST. PAUL'S,	-	-	-	<i>Randolph,</i>
ZION,	-	-	-	<i>Brownsville.</i>
CALVARY,	-	-	-	<i>Memphis.</i>
ST. JAMES,	-	-	-	<i>Bolivar.</i>
ST. ANDREWS,	-	-	-	<i>Fayette co.</i>
ST. MARKS,	-	-	-	<i>Williamsport.</i>
ST. JOHN'S,	-	-	-	<i>Knoxville.</i>

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THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the diocese
of Tennessee, met at Nashville, in Christ Church,
at half past 8 o'clock, on the 22d May, 1844.

The Rt. Rev. JAMES HERVEY OTEY, D. D., dioce-
san, and, *ex officio*, President of the Convention,
having opened the meeting by prayer, caused the
list of clergymen entitled to seats to be read: of
whom there were present, Rev. Philip William
Alston, Ebenezer Harrison Cressey, Samuel
George Litton, John Thos. Wheat.

Certificates of the election of delegates from
the several parishes entitled to representation
having been called for, they were received from
Christ Church, Nashville, and Trinity, Clarksville.

The Rev. Messrs. Alston and Cressey were ap-
pointed a committee to examine the certificates.—
They reported as duly elected,

From Christ Church, Nashville, Francis B. Fogg,
John Shelby and Timothy Kezer; Trinity, Clarks-
ville, Thos. W. Frazer, Thos. J. Donoho, Sam'l.
G. Ward. Of these, the delegates from Clarks-
ville only were present.

The Rev. Mr. Wheat was re-elected Secretary, and the President declared the Convention to be duly organized.

The articles of Association of the new parish of St. John's Church, Knoxville, having been read and approved, the delegates, Thos. W. Humes, W. B. French and Frank A. Ramsey, appeared and took their seats.

Charles Tomes was appointed treasurer, pro tem.

Adjourned to meet again at half past three.

AFTERNOON.

Besides those present in the Morning, were Messrs. Fogg, Shelby and Kezer.

The names of James Caruthers, James L. Talbot and Wm. H. Stephens were added to the list of delegates, of whom Messrs. Caruthers and Talbot were present.

The following Rules of Order of the last convention were adopted for the government of this.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with a form of prayer.
2. When the President takes the Chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the Chair.
3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the House, without leave, or be unable to attend.
4. Every member speaking in debate, shall rise from his seat, and, without advancing, shall respectfully address the President, confining his observations strictly to the point in debate.
5. No member shall speak more than twice in

the same debate, without permission from the President.

6. A question being once determined, shall not again be brought before the House, unless on a motion for re-consideration made by one of the majority.

7. No motion shall be considered as before the House, unless it be seconded and reduced to writing, when required.

8. The question on a motion for adjournment, shall be taken immediately and without debate.

Resolved, That Clergymen of the Church, not canonically resident in this diocese, and candidates for orders, who may be present during the sitting of this Convention, be invited to seats in it.

The proposed alterations and amendments to the Seventh and Twelfth articles of the Constitution, which had been assented to by a majority of the last Convention, were taken up, and finally adopted by a unanimous vote, viz: by adding to the 1st section of the VII Article, the words following—"to preserve Journals and Records, to attest the public proceedings, to continue in office until a successor be appointed, and to deliver into his hands all books and papers belonging to the Convention;" and by striking out the word "Annual" in the 4th line, and all of the last clause in the XII Article.

Mr. Fogg, on behalf of the trustees of the Pension Fund, reported that the application to the late Legislature of the State, for an Act of Incorporation had failed.

The vacancy in the Board, occasioned by the removal of the Rev. Mr. Patterson from the diocese, was filled by the election of the Rev. Mr. Cressey.

Durant Hatch, of Memphis, was added to the committee on the Episcopate (permanent) Fund, in the place of George Anderson, deceased.

The Treasurer's report was referred to Messrs. Cressey and Caruthers, to be audited.

Adjourned to meet at half past 8 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The minutes were read and approved.

The name of Edwin P. McNeal and Edwin Polk, of St. James Church, Bolivar, were added to the list of delegates; neither of whom were present.

James W. Roges, delegate from Zion Church, Brownsville, appeared and took his seat.

The committee appointed to audit the treasurer's account, reported the same to be correct, and that there is now in the hands of the treasurer, the sum of thirty-six dollars and seventy-five cents, and in the hands of J. H. Thomas, the Treasurer pro tem. of 1841, the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars.

The report was accepted, and the account was ordered to be entered upon the Journal.

The records of the Standing Committee for the past year were read and approved.

Messrs. Wheat and Cressey of the Clergy, and Messrs. Fogg and Shelby of the Laity, were re-elected.

As delegates to the next General Convention were chosen, of the Clergy, Messrs. Alston, Cressey, Litton and Wheat; of the Laity, F. B. Fogg, M. Watson, T. W. Frazer and J. P. Trezevant.

The Rev. Mr. Litton and F. B. Fogg, were appointed trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

John Anderson of La Grange was re-elected Treasurer.

The Bishop, being, *ex-officio*, President of the Committee on the Book Depository made an oral report, and the same Committee was continued.

Upon the Missionary and Education Committee were appointed; of the Clergy, Messrs. Cressey and Wheat; of the Laity, F. B. Fogg and T. Kezer.

The Committee on assessments were, Messrs. Cressey, Kezer, Frazer, Litton, Caruthers, Rogers, Alston and Humes.

Adjourned until half past 8 o'clock the next day.

FRIDAY MORNING.

The minutes of Thursday were read and approved.

The names of William J. Polk, E. Shegog and H. R. Robards, of St. Peter's Church, Columbia, were added to the list of delegates: all present.

The Parochial Reports were read and ordered to be entered upon the Journal.

The Bishop delivered his Annual Address, and the Convention adjourned until half past 8 o'clock of the next day.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The minutes of Friday were read and approved.
The Rev. Mr. Saunders appeared and took his seat.

The Bishop having called Mr. Litton to the Chair, the Committee upon the Support of the Episcopate and the Contingent Expenses of the Convention, reported the following schedule of assessments, which was approved.

<i>Contingent Fund.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Episcopate Fund.</i>
\$20	Christ Church, Nashville,	\$250
5	St. Paul's, Franklin,	20
10	St. Peter's, Columbia,	100
10	Trinity, Clarksville,	100
10	Immanuel, La Grange,	65
5	St. Luke's, Jackson,	50
5	Zion, Brownsville,	30
15	Calvary, Memphis,	210
5	St. James, Bolivar,	35
5	St. Andrew's, Fayette co.,	20
5	St. John's, Knoxville,	40
5	St. John's, Ashwood,	30
5	St. Mark's, Williamsport,	15

The Bishop having resumed the Chair, a communication was read from the General Convention, upon a proposed addition to the Constitution.

On motion of the Rev Mr. Litton,

Resolved, That this Convention earnestly recommend the Primitive Standard to the support of the members of the Church in this Diocese.

It was unanimously agreed, that the next Con-

vention should meet in Trinity Church, Clarksville, on the first Wednesday in May.

Five hundred copies of the Journal were ordered to be printed and distributed in the usual manner, and the Treasurer was instructed to pay the Secretary's order for the same, and the quota of this diocese towards the contingent fund of the General Convention.

Resolved, unanimously, That this Convention make grateful acknowledgments for the kind hospitalities of their Nashville friends, and that this expression of thanks be communicated through the Rector of Christ Church.

After singing the 27th Hymn, the Convention adjourned, *sine die*.

JAMES H. OTEY, *President.*

J. T. WHEAT, *Secretary.*

[During the sitting of the Convention, the Church was opened for Divine Worship and preaching twice a day. These services were well attended by devout worshippers. The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was administered by the Rector on several occasions. Ten adults and seven children were, therein admitted to the fellowship of Christ's Church. The Rt. Rev. Bishop confirmed sixteen persons, on Saturday Morning.

On Sunday Morning, the Bishop admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons, Mr. Charles Tomes. The Rev. Mr. Alston said prayers, assisted in the lessons by the Rev. Mr. Litton, and the Bishop preached the Sermon. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Creasey. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to a large number of Communicants.]

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY:

In meeting together once more in Convention, it seems but a reasonable and seemly acknowledgment of gratitude on our part, for the divine mercy, that our spiritual privileges and blessings have been graciously continued to us, that none of our brethren of the Clergy in this diocese have been summoned away by death to give account of their stewardships, and that we have been permitted through another year to minister the provisions of gospel grace to our fellow men. How far we have been faithful in discharging the duties of our ministry, with an eye single to the glory of God, is known to him who "will come," according to his promise, "to take account of his servants," and to meet whom acceptably we must exhibit an improvement of the talents committed to our trust. We are powerfully admonished to diligence in our holy calling by the reflection that the past year has witnessed the departure of several of our Christian friends, who were eminent for the fruits of faith and charity, and endeared to us by the possession of all those qualities and virtues which adorn life, and throw a sweet charm over social intercourse.

While we offer the tribute of sympathy and condolence with those of our flocks who have been called to partake of "sorrow's bitter draught," let us remind them and be ourselves reminded, of the good examples of those loved ones, "who having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labors," and thus stir up ourselves and others to strive more earnestly and vigorously than ever for the "crown of life." The opportunity to "make full proof of our ministry," and to encourage and assist others in "working out their salvation," will soon pass away forever, and the records of every fleeting year solemnly and impressively urge us to be diligent, to be faithful.

My last annual address brought down the account of the affairs of the diocese to the 12th May, 1843, the third day of the session of the last convention. Very feeble and infirm health deprived me of the pleasure of participating in the exercises customary

with us on such occasions, further than to perform certain official duties, an account of which is here rendered.

Saturday, May 13.—After Morning Prayer by Rev. Mr. Cressey and sermon by Rev. Dr. Page, of Trinity Church, Natchez, I confirmed in Calvary Church, Memphis, 13 persons.

Sunday, 14th.—After the usual religious services by Rev. Messrs. Alston and Wheat, and a sermon by the Rev. Dr. Page, I ordained to the holy Priesthood, the Rev. A. P. Merrill, Deacon, upon testimonials from the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Mississippi, and assisted by the Clergy, administered the Holy Communion to about 200 persons. In the afternoon I confirmed a sick person at a private house, and at night, 4 persons in the Church, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Wheat.

The next day, the members of the Convention having finished the business which had brought them together, in that harmony and love which have so happily distinguished our meetings heretofore, and which render them so delightful, separated to return to their respective homes. I reached home on the 19th of May, after an absence of three months, having travelled in that time, 3,300 miles in the performance of Episcopal duties.

Sunday, 21.—I preached in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, and administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Wednesday, 24.—Was called to Nashville at the urgent request of a sick lady, Mrs. Julia Brown, from Wheeling, Virginia, who being in very feeble health, desired to be confirmed and to receive the Holy Communion. On this occasion I confirmed at the house of the Rector 3 persons, and a few days after, his pious sister, Mrs. B., was released from her sufferings, and gently fell asleep "in perfect peace."

Sunday, 28th.—Read prayers in the Morning and Afternoon at St. John's Church, near the residence of Bishop Polk. In the forenoon I preached to a large congregation, and in the afternoon addressed the colored people.

Tuesday, 30th.—Solemnized the rites of matrimony between James Porter of Louisiana, and Mary Walton, of Maury County, Tennessee.

Sunday, June 4th.—Read Morning Prayer, preached and administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to 16 persons in St. John's Church, Maury county.

Sunday, 11th.—After Morning Prayer and the baptism of 2 adults, I preached in St. John's Church.

Sunday, 18th.—Read Prayers Morning and Afternoon, in St. Peter's Church Columbia, on both of which occasions I preached.

Saturday, 24th.—St. John the Evangelist's Day. Read Prayers Morning and Afternoon in St. Peter's Church, and preached.

Sunday, 25th.—Read Prayers and preached in St. John's Church.

From the 28th June to July 1st—Attended the public examination of the pupils of the Columbia Female Institute, and on the last day delivered an address to the Young Ladies who had completed the course of study prescribed in that Seminary.

Friday, 30th.—The Rev. Louis Jansen was received as a Presbyter into this Diocese, upon letters dimissory from the Rt. Rev. Dr. Onderdonk, of Pennsylvania.

Saturday, July 1.—Baptized a sick child in private.

Sunday, 2d.—Read Prayers, preached and administered the Holy Communion in St. John's Church.

Sunday, 9th.—Assisted in divine service in St. Peter's Church, when Mr. Janson preached.

Friday, 14th.—Buried the infant which I had baptized on the 1st inst.

Sunday, 16th.—Officiated in St. John's Church, by reading Prayers, and preaching. Morning and Afternoon.

Tuesday, 18th.—Transmitted my consent to the consecration of the Rev. J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D., to the Episcopate of Rhode Island, who has since entered upon the duties of his sacred calling with every indication of usefulness and acceptability to his charge.

Wednesday, 19.—Celebrated the rites of Matrimony between Joseph Trotter of New Orleans, and Sarah M. Rivers, of Columbia, Tennessee.

Saturday, 22d.—Baptized Maria, infant daughter of Isaac and Jane Barnett.

Sunday, 23d.—Preached in St. John's Church this Morning, after prayers by Bishop Polk.

My health had now become so precarious that I was induced by the advice of medical friends, to attempt a journey to the mountains for its restoration. I did not, however, get further than

Nashville, the use of the mineral water at this place conferring on me as much benefit as I could hope to gain by going further.

Sunday, 30th.—I preached in Christ Church Morning and Afternoon, and confirmed 3 persons.

Sunday, August 6th.—Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Mr. Wheat, in Christ Church, when I preached and administered the Holy Communion. In the Afternoon I again preached, after prayers by Mr. Wheat.

Sunday, 13th.—At St. John's Church, after prayers, I preached the Funeral Sermon of the late R. K. Polk, Esq., and in the afternoon read prayers in the same Church. Bishop Polk preached.

Sunday, 20th.—Said prayers Morning and Afternoon, in St. Peter's Church, Columbia. Sermons by Rev. Dr. Hawks.

Thursday, 24th.—Granted a letter of dismissal to Rev. F. Thayer, transferring him to the jurisdiction of Bishop Kemper. Mr. Thayer had previously been received into this diocese on the like testimonials from the Bishop of Michigan, but has had no charge among us.

Sunday, 27th.—Officiated in St. Peter's Church, by reading prayers in the Morning and preaching in the Afternoon.

Sunday, Sept. 3d.—Preached this Morning in St. Peter's Church, after prayers by the Rev. Mr. Patterson, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon I baptized an infant, Robert Davis, son of the Rev. F. G. and Sarah Smith, and preached.

Sunday, 10th.—At Christ Church Nashville, officiated by preaching Morning and Afternoon, baptizing two infants, and confirming 5 persons.

Monday, 11.—By letters dimissory transferred the Rev. St. Michael Fackler to the diocese of Missouri, under the charge of Bishop Kemper.

Friday, 15th.—At Trinity Church, Clarksville, after prayers by the Rev. Mr. Cressey, I preached at night.

Saturday, 16th.—Performed the same duty, at the same place.

Sunday, 17th.—Celebrated service thrice to-day in Trinity Church, the Rev. Mr. Cressey reading prayers, preaching by myself, and confirmation of 4 persons.

Friday and Saturday, 22d and 23d.—Visitation of a sick person at Columbia.

Sunday, 24th.—At St. Paul's Church, Franklin. Morning Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Saunders, and sermon by myself. Visitation of a sick person in the country. In the afternoon I preached again after prayers by Mr. S., and solemnized the rites of matrimony between Thomas N. Figures and Bethunia Hardeman, of Franklin.

Tuesday, 26th.—Left home in the stage to visit the Churches in the Western District, and North Mississippi.

Thursday, 28th.—At St. James' Church, Bolivar, Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. Mr. Litton, who met me at this place, and I preached to a large and attentive congregation.

Sunday, Oct. 1st.—With the rites and solemnities prescribed, I, this day, set apart and consecrated to the worship of Almighty God, Immanuel Church, La Grange, according to the order of the Church. Rev. Mr. Alston read the Morning Prayer, and the Rev. Mr. Litton the lessons. The letter of request from the vestry was read by Mr. John Anderson, the senior warden of the parish, and the instrument of consecration by the Rev. Mr. Alston. The Church is a neat, substantial, and commodious edifice, built of brick, having a cupola, surmounted with a cross, an organ loft, and seats on the lower floor for the colored population. The whole structure and arrangements are highly creditable to the taste and liberality of those through whose exertions this house of worship has been erected, and now dedicated to the honor of God. May he ever be graciously present with them, to bless them; and may the import of the name which this beautiful Church bears, ever keep them in the remembrance of their dependence upon him, "without whom nothing is strong—nothing is holy."

In the Afternoon Mr. Litton read prayers, and baptized 4 adults, on which occasion I addressed the congregation. At night, after sermon by the Rev. Mr. Alston, I confirmed 7 persons.

Tuesday, 3d.—Left La Grange and arrived at Bolivar, where Mr. Litton at night read prayers in St. James' Church, and I preached.

Wednesday, 4th.—Rev. Dr. Stephens read Morning Prayer, I preached, and at the request of the Rector, baptized 1 adult, Lucretia Burnett, and 1 infant, Ann Eliza, daughter of Perry and Ellen Polk. At night I read Prayers, preached, and confirmed

one person. The rain which had been incessant for several days prevented many persons from coming to worship.

Thursday, 5th.—Left Bolivar in the rain for Jackson, which place I reached by night, and too late to make arrangements for service. The Rev. Mr. Jansen who had been appointed to this place and to Brownsville, united as one missionary station, and where he has since been laboring, as I understand, with many encouragements in the midst of manifold trials, was at this time absent, having gone to Pennsylvania for his family.

Friday, 6th.—Read Morning Prayer in the Court House, and preached. At night performed the like services. The congregations were large, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather.

Saturday, 7th.—Read prayers and preached in the Forenoon.—In the Afternoon, at a private house, I baptized one adult and six children, viz: Virginia, Laura Emma, James, Susan Medora, Jos. Henry—children of James and Frances Eliza Caruthers; and Elizabeth Leiper, daughter of Robert Taylor. At night, again, read prayers and preached at the Court House.

Sunday, 8th.—This Morning read prayers and preached in the Court House, and confirmed thirteen persons. In the Afternoon once more said prayers and preached. The congregations were, throughout this visit at Jackson, large, although the rain continued to fall, making the streets very unpleasant for walking.

Monday, 9th.—Mr. McCome kindly provided a conveyance for me, and this Morning we set off together for Brownsville. The roads were so heavy, that it was late before we reached our place of destination, and I was suffering too much in health to attempt any service that night.

Tuesday, 10th.—Read Morning Prayer in the Presbyterian Church, and preached. At night, and in the same place, performed the like services.

Wednesday, 11th.—Read Prayers in the Forenoon and preached. At night said prayers, preached, and then confirmed 8 persons.

Thursday, 12th.—Left Brownsville this Morning for Eylau, the seat of Dr. Samuel Oldham. I had long been desirous of visiting this worthy gentleman, attracted by my knowledge of his firm and intelligent attachment to the Church and her institutions, and his persevering and liberal efforts made to obtain for himself and family and neighbors, the services of a minister of religion.

He has at length succeeded in a small degree in his ardent wishes, the Rev. Mr. Jansen having engaged to give occasional services to that neighborhood. It is much to be regretted that some young Clergyman cannot be found to give his undivided attention to this neighborhood. Dr. Oldham would give him his board and make him comfortable at his house, while his large number of domestics, and the neighbors, would furnish for instruction a numerous and interesting congregation.

Sunday, 15th.—Went to a meeting house in the neighborhood, read morning prayer and preached.

Monday, 16th.—In company with Dr. Oldham, set off in the direction of St. Andrews Church, Fayette County, crossed the Hatchee, and about sun-down arrived at Col. Stanton's, by whom we were kindly invited to stay all night.

Tuesday, 17th.—Leaving the hospitable mansion of our host this morning, we rode to Captain Collier's in the close vicinity of St. Andrew's Church. The Rev. Mr. Litton met me here, and read prayers, and I preached.

Wednesday, 18th.—This Morning I baptized one adult and three infants : William Dabney, Mary Isabella and William Claibourne, children of Dabney C. and Isabella Collier.

Rev. Mr. Litton read Morning Prayer, while it was my sad and mournful duty to preach the funeral sermon of Dabney C., and Agnes Collier—brother and sister—exemplary and pious members of our communion, who died within a month of each other, leaving interesting families, and an aged father who fondly looked upon these children as the supports of his declining years, and whose kind offices would smooth his own passage to the tomb. A more pointed warning is seldom presented to observation, than is found in the sorrowful event which has overwhelmed these families with affliction. We see in this case, the young, the pious, and the exemplary, suddenly cut down in the midst of their usefulness, and all the cheering prospects of life overshadowed by the darkness of the tomb.

Friday, 20th.—At Ravenscroft Chapel, Rev. Mr. Litton preached, after morning prayer by myself. In the afternoon I read prayers, baptized three colored children, Richard, James Henry, and Lucinda Thomas, and then preached to the negroes.

Saturday, 21st.—Rode to Randolph. The Morning Prayer was

read by Mr. Litton, in St. Paul's Church, and I preached. A heavy storm of rain, thunder and lightning, prevented our assembling in the afternoon or at night, for worship.

Sunday, 22d.—Rev. Mr. Litton said the morning prayer. I baptized five adults and four children, preached, and confirmed three persons. In the afternoon I read prayers and confirmed one person. Sermon by Mr. Litton.

Tuesday, 24th.—Arrived at Memphis, the weather was so inclement and disagreeable as utterly to preclude the idea of meeting together for worship until

Thursday, 26th.—When the Rev. Mr. Laird read Morning Prayer, and I preached. In the afternoon a heavy fall of rain and snow prevented the assembling of a congregation. I went to Church and confirmed one person. From this place I proceeded to visit the Churches in North Mississippi, an account of which has been given to the late Convention of that Diocese at Jackson.

Thursday, Nov. 9th.—Received from the Rt. Rev. Dr. De Laney, a dimissory letter in favor of the Rev. John Noble. Mr. N. has taken charge of an Academy at Pulaski, where I hope he will be able also to exercise his ministry.

Sunday, 12th.—Read prayers in the morning at St. Peter's Church, Columbia. Rev. John Henshaw preached. In the afternoon prayers by Mr. Henshaw, sermon by myself. Mr. Henshaw has since taken a charge in Mississippi.

Sunday, 19th.—Officiated Morning and Afternoon in St. Peter's Church, by reading prayers and preaching.

Friday, 24th.—Granted a dimissory letter to Rev. F. H. Laird, transferring him to the Diocese of Alabama, he having been previously received into this, upon the like testimonials from Bishop Kemper.

Sunday, 26th.—Officiated at the funeral and Burial of Mr. John Dawson, near Mt. Pleasant, in Maury County.

Sunday, Dec. 3d.—Read Prayers and preached Morning and Afternoon in St. Peter's Church, and performed the like services at the same Church the following Sunday.

Sunday, 17th.—Administered the Holy Communion in St. Peter's Church, after prayers and sermon by the Rev. F. G. Smith.

Sunday, 24th.—Said Morning and Evening Prayer in St. Peter's Church and preached. In the forenoon baptized four children.

Monday, 25th.—Nativity.—Read Prayers and preached in St. Peter's Church.

Tuesday, 26th.—Officiated at the burial of an infant in the country.

Sunday, 31st.—In St. Peter's Church, read prayers and preached, morning and evening.

Sunday, Jan. 7th, 1844.—Prayers morning and afternoon at same place, and sermons by Mr. Saunders, who assisted me in the administration of the Holy Communion.

Saturday, 13th.—Went to the country and baptized an infant.

Sunday, 14th.—Read prayers and preached in St. Peter's Church, in the morning. Visitation of the sick in the afternoon.

Sunday, 21st.—Prayers and preaching in the same Church, morning and afternoon. In the evening baptized in private a sick infant—Eleanor Wormley, daughter of David and Charlotte Files, of Mobile, Alabama.

Sunday, 28th.—Morning prayer and sermon in St. Peter's Church.

Sunday, Feb. 4th.—Officiated morning and afternoon in the same Church, and administered the Lord's Supper.

On the 6th of this month I left home on a visit to the Churches in Mississippi and Arkansas, from which journey I returned a few days since, after an absence of more than three months, during which time I had travelled upwards of 5,000 miles. Part of the route I was accompanied by the Rev. N. S. Harris, Secretary of the Domestic Committee of Missions. The joint object before us, was to examine into the condition of some of the Indian tribes lying west of Arkansas, with a view to determine upon the expediency of establishing among them a mission from our Church.—A report of our tour of exploration will be made to the Board of Missions, and through that body to the General Convention, in October.

The visitation of Mississippi was concluded on the 5th of May, at Jackson, by the confirmation of four persons, making twenty-one confirmed during my visit to that place. The day previous the Convention went into an election of Bishop, for Mississippi, which resulted in the choice of Dr. F. L. Hawks, late of New York. Should this election be confirmed by the General Convention, I shall be released from the further charge of Mississippi, and

be enabled to bestow much more time and attention, which I most ardently desire, upon the Churches in this diocese. Returning from Mississippi, I arrived at Memphis on Wednesday, the 8th of this month, and preached the three succeeding evenings in Calvary Church.

On Saturday I preached twice, after prayers by the Rector, and in the afternoon confirmed seven persons.

Sunday, 12:h.—To day I consecrated to the worship of Almighty God the large and commodious edifice erected by the congregation at Memphis, under the name of Calvary Church. The building is of brick, furnished with seats to accommodate about 600 persons, and needs only the completion of the tower to make it a noble monument of the zeal and liberality of those who laid the foundations of this house, and have watched with pious interest its progress to its present state. The condition and prospects of this congregation are in the highest degree encouraging. Upon the occasion of consecrating the Church I preached and administered the Communion, assisted by the Rector, to about 100 persons. In the afternoon of the same day, I confirmed a sick person in private.

The changes made among the Clergy since the meeting of the last Convention, are the removals of the Rev. Messrs. Leacock and Patterson—the former to Mississippi—the latter to Alabama. Neither of them have asked for letters of dismission from this diocese, and they have failed, as has also the Rev. Mr. Steel, residing in Texas, to make the report called for by the Canon of the General Convention.

There are five candidates for orders belonging to this diocese, viz: John A. L. Norment, Charles Tomes, James Webb Rogers, Thomas W. Humes, William H. Burton, one of these, it is expected, will be ordained on next Sunday.

I have thus, brethren, detailed to you as briefly as convenient, the official duties in which I have been engaged since we last met, and it only remains for me to commend you in your present work to the guidance and care of the God of all wisdom, mercy, and goodness.

Your affectionate Pastor and faithful friend,

JAS. H. OTEY,
Bishop.

May 24, 1844.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, NASHVILLE.

The Rector of Christ Church, Nashville, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese, the following statement from the register of his parish :

Families,	61
Marriages,	5
Funerals,	23
Baptisms—23 Adults, 31 Infants,	54
Confirmed,	27
Communicants—32 added past year,	116
Sunday School—13 Teachers,	80
Church Offerings,	\$307 00
Episcopate Fund,	28 00
Pension "	76 50
Contingent Expenses,	20 00
Support of Episcopate,	385 00
Alms and other contributions,	137 50
Total,	<u> </u> \$949 00

J. T. WHEAT, *Rector.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, FRANKLIN.

The Minister of St. Paul's Church, Franklin, respectfully reports to the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese, as follows :

Families,	10
Communicants,	{ Former number, 15 Added, 1 } Present No. 10 { Removed, 6 }
Baptisms,	0
Confirmations,	0
Funerals,	2
Sunday School—Teachers 3, Pupils about,	20
Monthly Collections average \$1,50	
Collections on Easter Sunday for the Episcopal Fund, 1,35	
Assessment for Episcopate,	
Contingent Fund of Convention.	

Wm. P. SAUNDERS.

TRINITY CHURCH, CLARKSVILLE,
To THE RT. REV. JAMES H. OTEY, D. D., BISHOP OF TENNESSEE.

Number of Families about,	25
Baptisms—Adults 4, Infants 3—Total,	7
Burials,	4
Confirmed,	4
Marriages,	3

Communicants,	{ Former number, 34 Added, 7 Withdrawn, 2 } Present No. 39
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Sunday School—Teachers 6, Scholars about 30.

Monthly Collections,	\$55 00
Assessment for the Episcopate,	60 00
Contingent Fund of Convention,	10 00
Church Improvements, about	150 00
Pension Fund,	10 00

The Rector, during the Summer months, holds a regular service, in the week, in the country, preaching alternately at two or three separate points. He reports the prospects of his charge as promising much of encouragement to diligent and patient efforts.

E. H. CRESSEY, *Rector.*

IMMANUEL CHURCH, LA GRANGE.

The Rector of Immanuel Church, La Grange, reports to the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, the annexed statement from his parish register:

Families,	{ Former number, 24 Removed, 5 Added, 3 } Present No. 22
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Marriages,	3
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Baptisms,	{ Adults—White 6—Color'd 1 Children, do 14 do 2 } Present No. 23
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Confirmed,	7
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Communicants,	{ Former number, 41 Added, 8 Died, 2 Repelled, 1 Removed, 9 } Present No. 37
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Funerals,	4
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Amongst the Baptisms reported, 2 children were baptized in the parish of St. Andrews, now vacant, and 2 Adults and 3 Children, were members of an Episcopal family living in McNairy county, and who for years have been isolated from the services of the Church. One marriage was celebrated in the parish of St. James, Bolivar, and another in that of Calvary Church, Memphis, with the consent of the Rectors respectively.

SAM. G. LITTON, *Rector.*

CALVARY CHURCH, MEMPHIS.

The Rector of Calvary Church, Memphis, presents to the Bishop the annexed statement, compiled from his register :

Baptized—Adults 14, Children 28,	42												
Confirmed,	26												
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Marriages,	5												
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The new Church was consecrated by the Bishop on Rogation Sunday, May 12th. It is hoped that the tower will be erected in the course of the year. Through the exertions of several gentlemen, a fine Organ has been procured.

P. W. ALSTON, *Rector.*

ST. JAMES' PARISH, BOLIVAR.

There is but little change in my congregation since the last convention. I have preached regularly during the last year, except about 6 weeks last Summer, when I had a tolerably severe and tedious fever.

We have a subscription on hand, and materials purchased, for making a pulpit and pews in our Church, and hope, in a few months, to have it ready for consecration.

Families attending Church, about	15
Baptisms (by Bp. Otey) 1 Adult and 1 infant,	2
Confirmations,	2
Addition to the Communion,	1
Whole number of Communicants,	13
Marriage,	1
Funerals,	0
Collections for Missionary Society,	\$10
Money enclosed for Bishop Otey's Salary,	25
do for Contingent Fund,	5
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	\$40

Owing to our difficulties in paying off the debt of the Church, and in endeavoring to finish it, we have not made any efforts to raise a fund for the support of the Episcopate, or any other kindred purpose. All which is respectfully submitted by,

DANIEL STEPHENS.

ST. LUKE'S PARISH, JACKSON.

To THE RT. REV. BISOP OTEY.

Families,	{	Former number, 9	}{	Total,	18
	{	Present do	9		
Communicants,	{	Former number, 10	}{	Total,	23
	{	Present do	12		
Confirmed,	{	Former number, 10	}{	Total,	23
	{	Last year, 13	}{		
Marriages,	. . . . .				0
Baptisms—Adults 2, Infants 10,	. . . . .				12
Funerals,	. . . . .				1
Sunday School—Teachers, 2 Males, 4 Females, Scholars, 30	. . . . .			

The Missionary feels encouraged by the zeal thus far exhibited by his parishioners, in their efforts to build a Church, towards which the Ladies have raised \$800. He has every reason to believe that within the next, if not the present year, one will be erected.

L. JANSEN.

ZION CHURCH, BROWNSVILLE.

Families,	{	Former number, 7	}{	Total,	10
	{	Added, 3	}{		
Confirmed—Past year, 6—Present number,	. . . . .				12
Baptisms,	. . . . .				0
Burials,	. . . . .				1
Marriages,	. . . . .				0
Communicants,	. . . . .				12
Sunday School, (none at present.)	. . . . .			

Concerning this parish also, the Missionary feels happy in stating, that the zeal of its members, demonstrates their deep interest in the affairs of the Church. Though their number and means, at present, exclude the idea of building a church, they are doing all they can with reference to such at a future period.

L. JANSEN.

FAMALE INSTITUTE, COLUMBIA.

To THE RT. REV. JAMES H. OTEY, D. D :

The undersigned respectfully reports :

That he has occasionally during the past year, officiated in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, in the absence of the Diocesan.—The neighboring parish of St. Mark's, Williamsport, being also without regular ministrations, he has latterly established a service in that Church every other Sunday, which has been well attended by a large and intelligent congregation.

The most interesting feature in the religious character of the Female Institute, is the establishment of the Daily Morning and Evening Service of the Church, which has been observed nearly two years. The Institute family having always embraced, both

among its teachers and pupils, many members and communicants of the various protestant denominations in this country, it might be feared that the establishment of these services would be regarded by such individuals with feelings of disapprobation. A practical acquaintance, however, with the Liturgy of the Episcopal Church, has never failed, among us, to allay such apprehensions ; for a Ritual, older than any of the sects, is necessarily free from a sectarian spirit.

The patronage of the Institute is larger than at any previous session, and, so far as depends upon itself, the School is likely to meet the expectations of its friends. A large bank debt still hangs like an incubus upon it, which *may* yet prostrate it in the dust.

F. G. SMITH, *Rector.*

FEM. INST., COLUMBIA, }
MAY 21, 1844. }

To THE RT. REV. JAS. H. OTEY, D. D.

Report of the Rev. Jno. Noble, officiating temporarily at Pulaski, Giles co., Tennessee, May 23d, 1844.

I have resided at Pulaski since the beginning of the present year, up to the month of May. Have several Sunday Mornings officiated in the Methodist Church, to large and attentive audiences; I have also preached several times on Sundays, at the Presbyterian Church, both in the Morning and Afternoon, to equally attentive audiences. There are only two communicants of our Church here, as far as I can ascertain ; there are about six who acknowledge themselves favorable to the Church, and who doubtless would join if there were regular services. Under the services of a zealous, active, energetic, faithful missionary, acting with judgment and prudence, this place appears to me, a very favorable field for usefulness.

JNO. NOBLE.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

21st May, '43—Charles Toones and James Webb Rogers were recommended to the Bishop as candidates for Orders.

Consent was given to the Consecration of the Rev. Dr. Henshaw, Bishop Elect of Rhode Island.

28th Jan. '44—The canonical testimonial was granted to Thos. W. Humes and Wm H. Barton, as candidates for Orders.

J. T. WHEAT, *Pres't*

A P P E N D I X.

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Contingent Fund in account with Jno. Anderson, Treasurer.

1843.	DR.	
June 25.—To Cash remitted Rev. J. T. Wheat,	\$54,00	
Balance on hand to ac.,	36,75	
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		\$90,75
1843.	CR.	
May—By balance from ac. rec'd. to this date,	\$78,25	
By Cash rec'd. from St. Andrews Ch.,	12,50	\$90,75
1844.		
May.—To balance on hand from ac.	36,75	
1843.		
Dec.—Am't. rec'd. from St. Andrew's Church, Fayette, and sent to the Bishop by Rev. S. G. Litton.	15,00	
Mr. J. H. Thomas, Treasurer pro tem., at Columbia Convention.		
	To Contingent Fund,	
1841.	DR.	
June.—To balance in his hands per. ac. ren- dered to Convention.	\$120,00	

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*Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Tennessee, in ac-
count with Charles Tomes, Treasurer pro tem. of Convention.*

FUND FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE EPISCOPATE.

1844.	DR.	
May 25.—To Cash paid Rt. Rev. J. H. Otey, D. D., in ac. of Salary as per receipt,	\$334,32	
1844.	CR.	
May 22.—By Cash from Calvary Church, Memphis, " " " Immanuel Church, La Grange, " 23 " " St. Luke's Church, Jackson,	\$150,00 71,82 20,00	

	"	"	"	St. James' Church, Bolivar,	25,00
	"	"	"	Trinity Church, Clarksville,	30,00
" 25	"	"	"	St. Mark's Church, Williamsport,	22,50
	"	"	"	St. Paul's Church, Franklin,	15,00
					\$334,32

E. E. **CHARLES TOMES, Treas. pro tem.**
Nashville, May 25th, 1844.

FUND FOR CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF CONVENTION.

1844.		DR.	
May 25.—To Cash paid Rev J. T. Wheat, Sec'y of Convention, as per receipt,	- - -		56,65
1844.		CR.	
May 22.—By Cash from Calvary Church Memphis,			15,00
23. " " " St. Luke's Church, Jackson,			5,00
" " " St. James' Church, Bolivar,			5,00
25 " " " St. Mark's Ch., Williamsport,			10,00
" " " St. Paul's Church, Franklin,			1,65
" " " Christ Church, Nashville,			20,00
			\$56,65

E. E. **CHARLES TOMES, Treas. pro tem.**
Nashville May 25, 1844.

*Assessment for the Episcopate, due and unpaid from the following
Churches on the 1st March, 1844.*

Christ Church, Nashville,	- - -		\$427,50
St. Peter's Church, Columbia,	- - -		250,00
St. Mark's Church, Williamsport,	- - -		20,00
Trinity Church, Clarksville,	- - -		30,00
St. Paul's Church, Randolph,	- - -		30,00
St. John's Church, Ashwood,	- - -		30,00
			\$1172,50

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DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Annual meeting was held on Saturday Evening, May 21, in Christ Church. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Otey presided and the Rev. Mr. Wheat acted as Secretary and Treasurer, *pro tem.* T. Kezer was elected Treasurer. The following subscriptions were paid.

Rt. Rev. J. H. Otey, D. D.	\$2,00	Mrs. Steele,	\$2,00
" P. W. Alston,	2,00	Mrs. Harman,	2,00
" E. H. Cressey,	2,00	Mrs. C. Williams,	2,00
" Charles Tomes,	3,00	Miss M. G. Ward,	3,00
" S. G. Litton,	2,00	Mrs. Lynch,	2,00
" J. T. Wheat,	2,00	F. B. Fogg,	2,00
Wm. J. Polk, M. D.,	2,00	F. B. Fogg, jr.,	2,00
Mrs. Mary Potts,	2,00	Mrs. F. B. Fogg,	2,00
Mrs. Bouchelle,	2,00	Miss M. J. Ward,	2,00
Mrs. Philips,	2,00	Mrs. Caruthers,	2,00
Mrs. Read,	2,00	Mrs. McLeod,	2,00
Mrs. Campbell,	2,00	Mrs. Wormley,	2,00
Mrs. Brown,	2,00	Mrs. Kirk,	2,00
Mrs. Case,	2,00	Dr. Dickinson,	2,00
D. Craighead,	2,00	Mrs. Dickinson,	2,00
James Craighead,	2,00	Miss Eliza Dickinson,	2,00
Miss S. P. Wheat,	2,00		
Several subscribers at Memphis, by the Rev. Mr. Alston,		16,00	

\$34,00

To this amount the Communion collection on Sunday, of \$31,62 $\frac{1}{2}$ was added, making in all, \$115,62 $\frac{1}{2}$

List of annual subscribers to the Diocesan Missionary and Education Society, in addition to the above, and whose subscriptions now due, may be forwarded to the Treasurer, T. Kezer, Nashville.

Rev. Dr. Stephens,	John G. Lonsdale,
“ S. Patterson,	John P. Trezevant,
T. M. Batt,	Louisa R. Trezevant,
E. W. Rowlett,	Eliza Woods,
A. O. Harris,	Mary Walker,
Mrs. Harris,	Mary Shanks,
Edward Reed Harris,	Master Shanks,
W. H. Stephens,	Calvin Jones,
Ann Eliza Fitzhugh,	J. J. Potts,
F. H. Dickens,	J. W. Burton,
Sarah Cotton,	John Henderson,
Mary Wright,	Mrs. Henderson,
J. T. Trezevant,	Elizabeth Henderson,
Mrs. Trezevant,	Dr. Daniel Henderson,
Dr. Oldham,	Mrs. Henderson,
Mrs Oldham,	Mrs. Smith,
James Rose,	John K. Chester,
Mrs. Rose,	Mrs. George Philips,
Mrs. S. Polk,	Edmund Bray,
Mrs. Newman,	Mrs. Dr. Wilkins,
J. Knox Walker,	Miss Ludlow,
Mrs. McDowell,	Miss Ludlow,
Edmund Frierson,	Miss Harrison,
James M. Walker,	Miss M. Wilson,
S P. Walker,	Gen. Jones,
Mrs. S. P. Walker,	Mrs. Vaulx,
John F. Jett,	E. H. Shepherd,
T. R. Polk,	John Lauston,
John Anderson,	T. G. Anderson,
Mrs. J. Anderson,	Mrs. T. G. Anderson,
G. J. Cossitt,	Mrs. L. J. Polk.
Mrs. J. D. Shirman,	Mrs. Sewell,
Ruffin Smith,	Mrs. Wright,
Capt. T. Boothe,	Col. S. Dickens,
Mrs. Boothe,	Mrs. Postlewaite,
Col. Pope,	Nathaniel Hunt,
Dr. E. T. Rose,	Mrs. A. Moncrieff.
Mrs. Gloster,	
J. W. Cuarles,	Thos. J. Kean.

P. S.—It is impossible to make this list full and complete.

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LIST OF COMMITTEES.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

Rev. J. T. Wheat, Pres., Rev. E. H. Cressey, F. B. Fogg, John Shelby, M. D.

MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION.

Rev. Messrs. Cressey and Wheat; of the Laity, F. B. Fogg and T. Kezer,

BOOK DEPOSITORY.

Rev. Messrs. Alston and Wheat: John Shelby, and M. Watson.

BISHOPAL FUND.

Durant Hatch and John Pollard Trezevant.

PENSION FUND.

Rev. Messrs. Cressey and Wheat; F. B. Fogg, and M. Watson.

TRUSTEES OF GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. Mr. Litton, and F. B. Fogg.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONVENTION.

Rev. Messrs. P. W. Alston, E. H. Cressey, S. G. Litton, and J. T. Wheat, and of the Laity F. B. Fogg, M. Watson, F. W. Frazer, and J. P. Trezevant.

TREASURER.

John Anderson, of La Grange.

SECRETARY.

Rev. J. T. Wheat, Nashville.

The next Annual Convention will meet in Trinity Church, Clarksville, on the first Wednesday in May, 1845.

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LIST OF CLERGYMEN BELONGING TO THE DIOCESE OF TENNESSEE.

Rt. Rev. JAMES HERVEY OTEY, D. D. Diocesan, and Rector of
St. Peter's Church, Columbia.

REV. PHILIP W. ALSTON,	Rector of	Calvary Church, Memphis.
" Wm. C. CRANE,	" "	Trinity Church, Clarksville.
" LOUIS JANSEN,	" "	St. Luke's Church, Jackson.
" SAMUEL G. LITTON,	" "	Immanuel, " La Grange.
" JOHN NOBLE,	" "	St. Mark's " Williamsport.
" STEPHEN PATTERSON,	" "	St. John's " Ashwood.
" FRANKLIN G. SMITH,	" "	Female Institute, Columbia.
* DANIEL STEPHENS, D. D.	" "	St. James' " Bolivar.
" CHARLES TOMEK,	" "	St. John's " Knoxville.
" JOHN T. WHEAT,	" "	Christ Church, Nashville.
* THOMAS W. HUMES,	" "	Deacon, Knoxville.

* Not present at this Convention.

LIST OF PARISHES ENTITLED TO REPRESENTATION.

CHRIST CHURCH,	- - - - -	Nashville.
*ST. PETER'S,	- - - - -	Columbia.
TRINITY,	- - - - -	Clarksville.
IMMANUEL,	- - - - -	La Grange.
*ST. LUKE'S,	- - - - -	Jackson.
*ST. PAUL'S,	- - - - -	Randolph.
*ZION,	- - - - -	Brownsboro.
*CALVARY,	- - - - -	Memphis.
*ST. JAMES',	- - - - -	Bolivar.
*ST. ANDREW'S,	- - - - -	Fayette Co.
*ST. MARK'S,	- - - - -	Williamsport
*ST. JOHN'S,	- - - - -	Knoxville.
*ST. JOHN'S,	- - - - -	Ashwood.

*Not represented in this Convention.

LIST OF LAY DELEGATES.

From Christ Church, Nashville, John Shelby, M. D., T. Maney, *F. B.

From St. Peter's, Columbia, *James Walker.

From Trinity, Clarksville, T. W. Frazer, F. L. Williams, L. G. William

From Immanuel, La Grange, Wm. H. Burton.

From St. Mark's, Williamsport, *Bolling Gordon.

*Not present at this Convention.

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THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the diocese of Tennessee, met in Trinity Church, Clarksville, on the 7th of May, 1845.

The Rt. Rev. JAMES HERVEY OTEY, D. D., diocesan, and *ex officio* President of the Convention, having opened the meeting by prayer, caused the list of clergymen entitled to seats to be read; of whom there were present Messrs. Crane, Litton, and Noble.

The Reverend Mr. Crane acting as Secretary *pro tem.*, certificates of the election of delegates were received from Immanuel, La Grange, and Trinity, Clarksville. Of these were present, Messrs. Burton and L. G. Williams.

Owing to the absence of many members, the Convention adjourned from day to day, without doing any business, except the adopting of the Rules of Order of the last Convention for the government of this, until

THURSDAY MORNING, 9TH MAY;

When there were present, the Bishop, presiding, and the Rev. Messrs. Alston, Crane, Jansen, Litton, Noble, Patterson, Tomes and Wheat; and of the laity, Messrs. Jno Shelby, Thos. Maney, T. W. Frazer, Lewis G. Williams, and Wm. H. Burton.

Mr. Wheat was re-elected Secretary for the ensuing year.

Dr. Jno. Shelby, of Nashville, was appointed Treasurer, and on motion, it was resolved that he call upon all those who may be indebted on any account to the Convention, for the payment of their respective dues, and report the delinquents to the next Convention.

The proceedings of the Standing Committee having been read, the Rev. Mr. Crane was elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the removal of the Rev. Mr. Cressey from the diocese: the Committee as newly chosen being, of the clergy, Messrs. Crane & Wheat; of the laity, Messrs. Shelby & Fogg.

The election of the delegates to the General Convention resulted in the choice of Rev. Messrs. Alston & Crane, Litton & Wheat; and of the laity, F. B. Fogg, M. Watson, T. W. Frazer and J. P. Trezevant.

The Rev. Mr. Litton and F. B. Fogg, were re-appointed Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

The Committee on the Book depository was continued, being Messrs. Alston and Wheat, Jno. Shelby and M. Watson.

The Missionary and Education Committee, are Messrs. Patterson and Wheat, L. J. Polk, and Dr. Wm. J. Polk.

The Committee on Assessments for the contingent fund and the support of the Episcopate, were Messrs. Maney, Frazer, Burton, Jansen, Alston, Noble and Tomes.

The Trustees of the Pension fund, Messrs. Crane and Wheat, F. B. Fogg and M. Watson, were authorized to procure, if possible, an act of incorporation of the next legislature of the State.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the next Convention be held at Jackson, on the second Wednesday in July.

The Convention then adjourned, for the purpose of attending Divine service, to meet again at 3 o'clock.

Morning prayer was said by Rev. Mr. Wheat, of Christ Church, Nashville, and the Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. Charles Tomes, of St. John's Church, Knoxville.

AFTERNOON.

The parochial and other reports of the clergy having been read by the Secretary, the Bishop delivered his Annual Address, and the Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock of the next day.

SATURDAY, 10TH MAY.

Present as on yesterday. The minutes were amended and approved.

F. B. Fogg and Thos. Maney were appointed Trustees of the Episcopate Fund.

The President called the Rev. Mr. Litton to the chair.

Whereupon the following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted:

Whereas our beloved diocesan, in that part of his Annual Address which, according to established usage, records the most important events in the church, has with just sensibility, referred to his own reluctant and most painful agency in the late presentment and trial of the Bishop of New York: and we, without entering at all into any of the controversies, principal or subordinate, which have grown out of that sad event, or pronouncing judgment upon any others concerned, may very properly give expression to our feelings towards our own Bishop, in the premises; therefore,

Resolved, unanimously, That, aware as we have been of the "warm affection and respect" which he had cherished for the accused, and knowing him to be equally charitable and conscientious, we are sure he could never be moved to a "malicious prosecution." Having, as we believe, a jealous, just concern for the honor of the church and of an Episcopalian brother, we fully confide in the simplicity and godly sincerity of his statement, that a sense of "duty to Bishop Onderdonk, as well as duty to the church," was his *motive*, and that his sole *object* was to "place the whole subject before an impartial and competent tribunal, for a full, free and thorough investigation, in order to a final and righteous decision."

The report of the Assessment committee was accepted, and the resolutions recommended in it were adopted: it was further resolved, that the Secretary be authorised to make any alterations in the reported delinquencies, if paid before the publication of the Journal.

Adjourned to meet again at 3 o'clock.

AFTERNOON.

The Secretary reported on behalf of the Missionary and Education Committee, that there are unappropriated of the amount collected at the last Convention, fifteen dollars, sixty-two and a half cents.

Five hundred copies of the Journal were ordered to be printed and distributed in the usual manner, and the Treasurer was instructed to pay the Secretary's order for the same.

Resolved, unanimously, That this Convention make grateful acknowledgments for the kind hospitalities of their Clarksville friends, and that this expression of thanks be communicated through the Rector of Trinity Church.

After singing the 27th Hymn, the Convention adjourned,
sine die. JAMES H. OTEY, President.

J. T. WHEAT, *Secretary.*

[During the sittings of the Convention, the Church was opened for Divine Worship and preaching twice a day. These services were well attended by devout worshippers. The Sacrament of Baptism was administered on Saturday morning, and the rite of Confirmation on Sunday, when also the Rev. Mr. Crane was instituted Rector of the parish. The effect of this solemn Office was rendered peculiarly impressive by a brief, extempore address from the newly instituted Rector, as well as a masterly discourse from the Bishop, upon the reciprocal obligations of priest and people. About fifty communicants were partakers of the Eucharistic feast.]

APPENDIX.

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY,

Permitted in the good providence of God to meet with you again in the annual convention of our church, I proceed, in compliance with canonical provisions, to report to you the affairs of the Diocese, so far as I have had opportunity to take part in their management.—My last address brought the detail of my official services and duties down to the 24th day of May last.

Saturday, May 25, 1844.—In Christ Church, Nashville, after evening prayer, I preached and then confirmed *sixteen* persons.

Sunday, 26.—In the same church, in the forenoon, prayers were said by the Rev. Mr. Alston, the lessons read by the Rev. Mr. Litton, after which I preached and ordained Mr. Charles Tomes to the holy order of Deacons. The Candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Cressey. In the administration of the Holy Communion, I was assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Wheat and Tomes.

Sunday, June 2.—Morning prayer was said by the Rev. David Brown, late of Florida, in St. Peter's Church, Columbia. The Rev. Mr. Fagg, of Ohio, read the lessons, and a sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Cressey. I then ordained to the holy office of the Priesthood, the Rev. Charles Tomes, who, on the previous Sunday, had been admitted to the Diaconate. On this occasion I also confirmed *one* person, and administered the Lord's Supper. My reason for admitting the Rev. Mr. Tomes so soon to the office of an Elder or Presbyter in the Church, was that East Tennessee, his destined field of labor, being remote from any church or clergyman of our communion, it was obvious that to the efficient prosecution of his work, the authority to administer the holy communion and perform other functions of the priesthood was highly necessary.

Tuesday, June 4.—I celebrated the rites of matrimony between Russell Houston, Esq., and Miss Grizelda Polk, at Columbia.

Sunday, June 30.—I baptized *three* adults and administered the Holy Communion in St. Peter's Church, Columbia. In the afternoon I baptized *two* children and confirmed *two* persons.

July 4.—I solemnized the rites of matrimony between Mr. Wm. C. Napier and Miss Rebecca B. Greenfield, near Columbia, Tenn.

July 14.—At St. Paul's Church, Franklin, after prayers in the morning by the Rev. David Brown, I preached. In the afternoon the Rev. Mr. Saunders read prayers, the Rev. Mr. Brown preached, and I confirmed *two* persons.

Aug. 15.—I officiated at the funeral of Dr. J. J. Thomas, a member of the church, residing a few miles from Columbia.

Aug. 19.—I solemnized the rites of matrimony, at my own residence, between Thos. B. Pritchett, Esq., and Miss Mary T. Harrison.

Sept. 8.—Visited a sick person and administered the Holy Communion, and in the afternoon baptized an *infant*, at St. Paul's Church, Columbia.

Sept. 16.—I left home in company with the Rt. Rev. Bishop Polk, of Louisiana, to attend the General Convention of our Church, which assembled in the city of Philadelphia, on the 2d day of October, 1844, and adjourned on the 22d day of the same month. The House of Bishops continued its sessions as a board of Visitors to the Gen'l Th. Seminary till the 31st of October.

The acts and proceedings of the last General Convention, will in many respects be regarded as among the most important and interesting that have ever taken place under the authority of the church in this country. The meeting was looked to with much anxiety from all parts of the church. It was believed that subjects of vital importance to the unity and faith of the church would be brought under discussion, and become matters of Legislative enactment. Happily the fears which many entertained for the peace and harmony of the church, vanished before the clear light afforded by the mutual explanations and the calm and temperate discussions of those who were supposed to differ widely in their views. It was discovered, to the mutual satisfaction of those whose opinions were regarded as most variant and irreconcileable with each other, that they occupied common ground upon all the leading and fundamental doctrines of salvation—and that they were equally zealous to set forward and maintain these as exhibited in the Liturgy, Offices and Articles of the Church. The House

of clerical and lay deputies, in which the first movement was made upon this subject, disposed of the whole matter by passing a resolution to the effect that "the Liturgy, Offices and Articles of the Church are sufficient exponents of her sense of the essential doctrines of Holy Scripture, and that the Canons of the Church afford ample means of discipline and correction for all who depart from her standards."

A canon was passed by the General Convention, for the ordination of Deacons without the literary and other qualifications, heretofore required. It is hoped and believed that the provisions of this canon will enable the Bishops to engage the services of a class of men that may become eminently useful in those parts of the country where there are many slaves, and whose opportunities and means of religious instruction are rare and at best very indifferent.

I deem it unnecessary to remark more particularly upon the proceedings of the General Convention, as the Journal has been published, and will furnish all the information desired by those who feel any interest in the various matters which called for its action.

After the adjournment of the General Convention, I felt it my duty to unite with two of my brethren in making a presentment for trial of the Bishop of New York. The result of the proceedings had in that case has been made known to you, and I feel no wish to detain you from the business upon which we have met, by remarks upon a subject which has caused deep mortification and pain to all the members of our communion. I conceive it due, however, to the relation which we sustain to each other, to say here, that never in the whole course of my life have I been called on to perform so painful and distressing a duty, as in that presentment and trial. I know you will give credit to the sincerity of this declaration, for you have in years gone by, frequently heard me speak in terms of the warmest affection and respect for the party chiefly concerned in those proceedings. He was one of my consecrators, and from the day of our first acquaintance, our intercourse had always been of the most friendly and cordial character. It was not in my heart to join in any malicious or causeless prosecution of an individual for whom I had so many reasons to entertain profound respect, on account of his talents, and sincere esteem, on account of his urbane and engaging deportment. I was not even apprised that it had been contemplated by any one to prefer charges against him, until a memorial to that effect was laid before the House of Bishops. When, however, grave charges made under oath were preferred against him by responsible persons, and when those who had known him long, and as I supposed intimately, utterly refused even to

examine the affidavits which so deeply implicated his character, I felt that duty to Bishop Onderdonk as well as duty to the church, required me no longer to hesitate; but as far as depended on me, to place the whole subject before an impartial and competent tribunal, for a full, free and thorough investigation, in order to a final and righteous decision. The judgment of the Court has been rendered, and it would be out of place in me to pronounce any opinion for or against its justice. But I may be allowed to refer to the developments and conclusion of the trial itself, to show the injustice of those who have boldly pronounced of the presentment in this case, that it was unnecessary, malicious and disgraceful. I have nothing more to say about the matter, further than to express the humble hope, that the warning example furnished by this act of discipline may not be without its proper effect upon every Minister and member of the Church.

I reached home on the 15th of January, and since that time have officiated regularly in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, except three Sundays, when I was absent on official duty.

Sunday, Jan. 26, 1845.—I baptized *Henry Tabb*, infant son of J. K. & A. Walker, in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, and preached morning and afternoon.

Sunday, March 2.—After morning prayer by Rev. Mr. Noble and sermon by Rev. Mr. Patterson, I admitted to the Holy order of Deacons, Mr. Thomas W. Humes, and administered the Lord's Supper in St. Peter's Church. Mr. Humes being a resident of Knoxville, will for the present confine his labors to that place and the neighboring country.

March 15.—Granted letters dimissory to Rev. E. H. Cressey, transferring him to the Diocese of Missouri. The place of Mr. Cressey in the rectorship of Trinity Church, Clarksville, has been filled by the call and acceptance of the Rev. Wm. C. Crane, of Woodville, Mississippi, who entered upon his new field of labor about two weeks since.

April 20.—At Franklin, in St. Paul's Church, read prayers and preached in the morning and afternoon, and at night celebrated the rites of matrimony between Mr. J. C. Carter and Miss F. A. Otey.

April 27.—In St. Peter's Church, read prayers and preached, and in the afternoon baptized ~~an~~ adult, and one infant—Mary Catharine, daughter of J. H. & Margaret Thomas.

May 4.—In Christ Church, Nashville, after prayers by the Rector and sermon by myself, I confirmed four persons.

There are two candidates for orders belonging to this diocese, Mr. James W. Rogers, of Brownsville, and Mr. Wm. H. Burton, of La Grange, Tenn.

The framed church in the neighborhood of Bellemont, Fayette county, Tenn., has been burnt. The woods were set on fire, and the flames being thus communicated to the building, and no one present to arrest the progress of the flames, the church was soon reduced to ashes. Most of the communicants belonging to this congregation have died within the last two years, and the people being without a settled pastor, the prospect of fixing the church firmly among them is quite discouraging. It is probable that the neighbors will erect another church in a more central position than the one lately destroyed by fire.

I beg leave again to call the attention of my Brethren of the clergy to the duty of cultivating among their respective flocks a spirit of liberality towards the missions of the church. I am persuaded that attention only is needed upon this subject from the clergy to their people, in order to secure such an amount of contributions as will be an ample supply of the missionary wants of this diocese. But however this may be, let us make but a fair trial of the plan of systematic or weekly offerings, as practised so successfully in several of the older dioceses—let us do our duty, and then if we fail in the attainment of our hopes and wishes, we shall hereafter feel upon this subject no cause of self-reproach.

By the removal of the Rev. Mr. Saunders, who was transferred to the jurisdiction of Bishop Kemper, at the late session of the General Convention, the congregation of St. Paul's Church, Franklin, has become vacant. The parish of St. Paul's, Randolph, connected with Ravenscroft Chapel, in the same neighborhood, is also vacant, and has been for some years past.

Having reported upon the affairs and state of the diocese, as far as I am in possession of information, it only remains for me to commend you, as I do, humbly and earnestly, to the guidance of Him, who is "the author of all holy desires and all good counsels,"—who is alone able to preserve us from falling, and keep us from sin unto salvation.

Your faithful friend and affectionate Pastor,

May 9, 1845.

JAS. H. OTEY.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, NASHVILLE.

The Rector of Christ Church, Nashville, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese, the following statement from the register of his parish:

Families,	64
Marriages,	6
Funerals,	18
Baptisms—8 Adults, 15 Infants,	23
Confirmed,	4
Communicants—12 removed or deceased, 14 added past year; 118	
Sunday School—14 Teachers,	90
Church Offerings,	\$252 05
Episcopate Fund,	25 00
Pension "	31 90
Contingent Expenses	20 00
Support of Episcopate,	150 00
Alms and other contributions,	173 00
Total,	<hr/> \$651 05

J. T. WHEAT, *Rector.*

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, COLUMBIA.

In consequence of there being no report from St. Peter's Church last year, the undersigned feels unable to furnish a very minute or accurate account of the condition and affairs of this parish. He became Rector of the church by invitation of the vestry, on the 3d day of June last; and since that time he has baptized

Adults 4, Infants 6—Total,	10
Confirmed,	3
Communicants, { Added, 4 Removed, 7 Died, 1 }	Present No. 29
Marriages,	2
Funerals,	2
Monthly contributions, applied to parochial purposes, about \$75 per annum. Contributions to Missions,	\$10
Episcopate,	100
Contributions to contingent fund of the Convention,	10
May 9th, 1845.	JAS. H. OTEY.

TRINITY CHURCH, CLARKSVILLE.

tor of Trinity Church, Clarksville, respectfully reports to the Bishop of the Diocese;—that having been in charge but for a few days, (since the 19th ult.) he can only furnish information as the register affords, which is as follows:

of Communicants, about	30
—Children, 10 white, and 11 colored; adult 1; Total, 22	
ent Rector has officiated at one marriage.	

WM. C. CRANE.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, LA GRANGE.

tor of Immanuel Church, La Grange, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese, the annexed statement from his parish register:

	Former No. 22	{	Present No.	23
	Removed, 1			
	Added, 2			
s,				2
—Infants,	7	{	Total,	
Adult 1, Children 2;	3			10
icants,	Former No. 37	{	Present No.	39
	Added, 6			
	Removed, 4			
,				1
tions,	Missionary Society, \$16 75			
	Pension Fund, 12 00			
	Episcopate Fund, 58 50			

s regularly held for the colored people, and the undersigned ground for thankfulness, that his humble labors in behalf ion of his parish have been, in a good degree, successful. occasion the church is filled, while the beautiful simplicity of , appears to be peculiarly suited to their capacities, ena to pray not only with the spirit, but with the understanding marked attention, and a decided interest, characterize these shippers, encouraging continued efforts on the part of the

SAM. G. LITTON.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSON.

tor of this parish respectfully submits to the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese the following Report:

	18
—Infants,	4
icants—Former No. 21, removed 1;	20
,	3
ent for Episcopate,	\$50 00
nt Fund,	5 00

ho past year, a house of worship has been erected, and ly for use in a few weeks. The parish, however, desirous it of debt, will not completely finish it until their means al- zeal of its members, (who are but few to bear the burden) r demonstrated their determination to do all they can, and hey can.

L. JANSEN.

ZION CHURCH, BROWNSVILLE.

Families,	10
Marriage,	1
Funeral,	1
Communicants,	20

The aspects of this parish continue the same as last year. Their number is small—their resources feeble. We are still without a house of worship, and there is no prospect of its speedy erection. It would be otherwise, did their resources equal their inclination. Probably a room will soon be fitted up under our immediate control.

L. JANSEN.

CALVARY CHURCH, MEMPHIS.

The Rector presents to the Bishop the following statement, compiled from his register:

Baptized—Adults 3, Children 18, 21
(No confirmation held since the Convention of last year.)

Communicants,	{ Added, 26 Removed, 12 Deceased, 5 Withdrawn, 2 }	Present No.	123
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Marriages,	7
Funerals,	15

Contributed,	{ Assessment for Episcopate, \$210 Contingent expenses, 15 Pension Fund, 15 Domestic Missions, 24 }
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P. W. ALSTON, Rector.

ST. JAMES' PARISH, BOLIVAR.

ST. JAMES PARISH, MAY 2, 1845.

Rt. REV. AND DEAR SIR:—I am sorry to say, that I feel too feeble to venture to attend the Convention at Clarksville.

We have had regular service in the church during the last year, except in the month of July, when I took a short excursion for my health. There is but little change in my congregation since the last Report. The church edifice is nearly ready for consecration.

Families attending church, about 15

Number of persons attending, about 45

Baptisms, 2

Confirmations, 0

Communicants, (one moved away,) 2

MARRIAGES, 2

Funerals, 2

Collections for Missionary society, \$20

Money enclosed for contingent expenses, 5

There being no funds in the hands of the Vestry, nothing has been sent for the Bishop's salary, for the last year.

All which is respectfully submitted by

DANIEL STEPHENS, Rec.~~ator~~.

**EPORT OF THE REV. JNO. NOBLE, MISSIONARY AT
WILLIAMSPORT, MAURY CO.**

MAY 1ST, 1845.

TO THE RT. REV. JAS. H. OTEY, D. D., BISHOP OF TENNESSEE:
 I have been stationed at this place since our last Convention, held May, in Nashville. We have had regular stated services every Sunday morning, and occasionally on Sunday afternoon. Our congregation is steady and active, and though no additions have been made to the church since I have been here, yet I think by perseverance and keeping the church open every Sunday, we shall, by the blessing of God, increase; the ground, however, has been partially preoccupied by the Methodists.

Yours respectfully,

J. NOBLE.

Communicants,	12
Deaths,	5
Marriages,	0

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, KNOXVILLE.

In making this first report to the Bishop of the condition of St. John's Parish, at Knoxville, since its reorganization, it will be proper to state, that Mr. Thomas W. Humes, acting under a license as Lay reader, commenced performing the services of the Church on the first Sunday in Lent, 1844—and continued in such duties until the first Sunday after Trinity, on which day I took charge of the Parish. At that time the congregation were worshipping in a room very small and inconvenient. They continued to occupy this same room five Sundays after my arrival; the average attendance being 55—a number great for their comfortable accommodation in so small a room. By the liberality of one member of the congregation, we were provided with a wooden building, which has been neatly fitted up as a chapel, in which the congregation has since been worshipping. The average attendance in the chapel which is now occupied, has been 75. Of late the increasing number of persons who are desirous of attending the services of the Church, has made it necessary to provide larger accommodations. A considerable amount of money has been pledged towards the erection of a church edifice, and already a portion of the work has commenced.

Communicants—who have been confirmed,	3	}	23
United, awaiting an opportunity for confirmation,	20		
Saved,	1	}	2
Admitted to the Diaconate,	1		
Total number of Communicants,	21	}	—
Infants—Infants, 10 White, 3 Colored,	13		16
Age, Colored,	3	}	1
Colored	1		
School—4 Teachers—23 Scholars.			
Offerings—No collections have been made in the Chapel, at the times of the celebration of the Holy Communion.			

The monies collected on such occasions amount to \$112 13, and have been appropriated as follows:

Contingent expenses of the Chapel,	\$29 92
Pension Fund,	12 21
General Domestic Missions,	10 00
Diocesan Missions,	5 00
Female Prayer Book Society of Penn.,	5 00
New York Bible and C. P. Book Society,	5 00
Fund for the Episcopate,	40 00
Contingent expenses of Convention,	5 00

\$112 13

In addition to the above amount, \$200 have been collected for the fitting up of the Chapel—one half of which was by the ladies of the congregation, who have also by laudable exertion succeeded in the purchase of an organ, and a service of silver for the Communion.

Divine service is performed on every Wednesday morning, at 9 o'clock. The Children of the congregation are catechized every Sunday afternoon after sermon.

CHAS. TOMES, *Rector of St. John's Ch., Knoxville.*

In addition to my regular duties at Knoxville, I have performed service and preached several times at Athens. And since the Rev. Mr. Humes' ordination, he and I have been enabled to spend several weeks between Athens and Tuskegee, the residence of John McGhee, Esq.

At Athens, I baptized 5 Children;

At Tuskegee, 2 Adults and 3 Children.

Clarksville, May 9th, 1845.

CHARLES TOMES.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ASHWOOD.

The Rector of St. John's Church, Ashwood, presents the following report to the Bishop of the Diocese:

St. John's Parish has been under the pastoral care of the present Rector since the latter part of last July. The congregation, though small, have manifested much zeal in having the Church firmly established among them; and there is a prospect of effecting much good. The number of communicants may be estimated at 22, of whom 14 are colored. Two Sunday Schools, with excellent teachers, have been put in operation, and, under the divine blessing, promise to be efficient means of diffusing sound instruction. In the one are about 14 scholars; in the other between 80 and 100, colored. There have been only two Baptisms. The Rector has many reasons for being encouraged, and hopes that the coming year will not pass without beneficial results.

STEPHEN PATTERSON.

KNOXVILLE, T., APRIL 25, 1845.

Since my ordination, on the 4th Sunday in Lent, I have been engaged in assisting the Rev. Charles Tomes in his Missionary duties at Knoxville and Athens, and at Tuskegee, in the county of Monroe.

Respectfully,

THOS. W. HUMES

THE COLUMBIA FEMALE INSTITUTE.

The undersigned, Rector of the Columbia Female Institute, respectfully reports to the Right Rev. Dr. Otey, that during the past year, the Institute has been steadily advancing in exactness and thoroughness of instruction, and in effectiveness of discipline. The large corps of Teachers engaged in the establishment, display an increasing devotion to the duties of their profession, as well as an increasing skill in the discharge of their various duties.

The religious services of the Institute have been sustained with a great degree of regularity. We have now nearly completed the third year in which the daily Morning and Evening Service of the Church has been celebrated in our Study Hall—the officiating presbyter being habited according to the ancient usage of the Church, and the anthems being accompanied by the organ.

The deportment of our family of Boarding Pupils, during these interesting and solemn employments of every morning and evening, has been marked with the strictest propriety; they take part in all the responsive portions of the Service, and besides gaining an intimate acquaintance with their Prayer Books, they show, in many instances, a lively appreciation both of the beauty and the solemnity of our Liturgy. The hope is confidently cherished, that this school is doing something towards diffusing throughout the South-western States, in many of the most influential families of this region, a practical knowledge of the worship of the Church, and of the spiritual aims and tendencies of that worship.

The Bank debt of the Institute is still threatening to suspend or destroy it. Our only hope of relief is from our abler and more favored brethren Eastward.

F. G. SMITH.

COLUMBIA, T., MAY 1ST, 1845.

DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Annual meeting of the Diocesan Missionary Society was held on Saturday evening, May 10th, in Trinity Church. The Right Rev. Bishop Otey presided and performed Divine Service. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Alston and Litton. The Rev. Mr. Crane was elected Secretary and John Shelby, M. D., Treasurer.—The following annual subscriptions were paid:

Rt. Rev. J. H. Otey, D. D.	\$2 00	Mrs. Marion Barker,	2 00
“ P. W. Alston,	2 00	Coleman Williams,	2 00
“ S. G. Litton,	2 00	Mrs. C. Williams,	2 00
“ S. Patterson,	2 00	Jas. T. Alston,	2 00
Miss Mary S. Ward,	3 00	A. Scrymacour Alston,	2 00
J. W. Burton,	4 00	Mrs. Martha Alston,	2 00
Dr. J. Shelby,	2 00	Miss Mary Alston,	2 00
Mrs. Shelby,	2 00	Miss Mary Alston, Jr.	2 00
Joseph Sturdevant,	2 00	Miss Annie Alston,	2 00
Mrs. Ellen C. Moore,	2 00	Miss M. Watkins,	2 00
Dr. Thos. J. Donoho,	2 00		
Jno. P. Wendel,	2 00		
			47 00

To this am't. the collection at Communion on Sunday was added, 34 55

List of annual subscribers to the Diocesan Missionary Education Society, in addition to the above, and whose subscriptions (most of them for two years) now due, may be forwarded to the Treasurer, John Shelby, M. D., Nashville.

Rev. Dr. Stephens,	J. T. Trezevant,	J. J. Potts,
" Charles Tomes,	Mrs. Trezevant,	John Henderson,
Wm. J. Polk, M. D.	Dr. Oldham,	Mrs. Henderson,
Mrs. Mary Potts,	Mrs. Oldham,	Elizabeth Henderson,
Mrs. Bauchelle,	James Rose,	Dr. Dan'l. Henderson,
Mrs. Philips,	Mrs. Rose,	Mrs. Henderson,
Mrs. Read,	Mrs. S. Polk,	Mrs. Smith,
Mrs. Campbell,	Mrs. Newman,	John K. Chester,
Mrs. Brown,	J. Knox Walker,	Mrs. Geo. Philips,
Mrs. Cage,	Mrs. M'Dowell,	Edmund Bray,
D. Craighead,	Edmund Frierson,	Mrs. Dr. Wilkins,
James Craighead,	James M. Walker,	Miss Ludlow,
Mrs. Steele,	S. P. Walker,	Miss Harrison,
Mrs. Lynch,	Mrs. S. P. Walker,	John D. Tyler,
F. B. Fogg,	John F. Jett,	Miss M. Wilson,
F. B. Fogg, Jr.	T. R. Polk,	Gen. Jones,
Mrs. F. B. Fogg,	John Anderson,	Mrs. Vaulx,
Mrs. Caruthers,	G. J. Cossitt,	E. H. Shepherd,
Mrs. MacLeod,	Mrs. J. D. Shirman,	John Laustor,
Mrs. Wormley,	Rufin Smith,	T. G. Anderson,
Mrs. Kirk,	Capt. T. Boothe,	Mrs. T. G. Anderson,
Mrs. Dickinson,	Mrs. Boothe,	J. O. Shackleford,
Miss Eliza Dickinson,	Col. Pope,	Mrs. L. G. Polk,
T. M. Batt,	Dr. E. T. Rose,	Mrs. Sewell,
E. W. Rowlett,	Mrs. Gloster,	Mrs. Wright,
A. O. Harris,	J. W. Quarles,	Col. S. Dickens,
Mrs. Harris,	John G. Lonsdale,	Mrs. Postlethwaite,
Ed. Reed Harris,	John P. Trezevant,	Nath'l. Hunt,
W. H. Stephens,	Louisa R. Trezevant,	Mrs. A. Mencrieff,
Ann Eliza Fitzhugh,	Eliza Woods,	Thos. J. Kean,
T. H. Dickens,	Mary Walker,	Mrs. M. J. Boyd.
Sarah Cotton,	Mary Shanks,	
Mary Wright,	Calvin Jones,	

WM. C. CRANE, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

1845, Feb. 27. Granted to Thomas W. Humes the Canonical recommendation for Deacon's Orders.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENTS.

The Committee on assessments beg leave to report, that the assessments made on the different congregations by the last Convention, for the support of the Episcopate, amount in the aggregate to the sum of \$965. Inadequate as this sum obviously is, the Committee are discouraged from recommending its increase, by the fact, that in several of the congregations the assessments, small as they are, have not been wholly paid—but that considerable sums remain unpaid, as well for the last as previous years.

Your Committee unanimously concur in recommending for the ensuing year the following assessments, varying very slightly from those of the last year:

Christ Church, Nashville,	Contin. Fd., \$20	Epis. Fd. \$250
St. Paul's, Franklin,	5	20
St. Peter's, Columbia,	10	100
Trinity, Clarksville,	10	100
Immanuel, LaGrange,	10	65
St. Lukes, Jackson,	5	50
Zion, Brownsville,	5	10
Calvary, Memphis,	15	210
St. James', Bolivar,	5	35
St. John's, Knoxville,	5	50
St. John's, Ashwood,	5	30
St. Mark's, Williamsport,	5	15
Congregations at Athens,		20

Of these assessments your Committee regard that on St. Peter's Columbia, (the residence of the Bishop,) as decidedly the lightest, and have been disposed to increase it, but there being no lay representation from that congregation, have concluded to let it remain as fixed by the last Convention.

Your Committee find the following assessments for the Episcopate were due on the 1st March, 1844, and still remain unpaid:

From St. Peter's Church, Columbia,	\$250
St. Mark's Church, Williamsport,	20
St. Paul's Church, Randolph,	30
St. John's Church, Ashwood,	30

For the year ending with the Convention now sitting, the following sums are due and paid:

From Christ Church, Nashville,	\$100
St. Paul's, Franklin,	20
Trinity, Clarksville,	100
Immanuel, La Grange,	6 50
Zion, Brownsville,	30
St. James, Bolivar,	35
St. Andrew's, Fayette,	20
St. John's, Ashwood,	30
St. Mark's, Williamsport,	15

It is painful to observe so much remissness in a matter of so much importance to our Bishop as the prompt payment of the small assessment made for his support. Your Committee regard the honor as

well as the interest of the Diocese involved in it, and to insure more punctuality for the future, they recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Clergy be requested to use their influence with their people to promote this object.

2. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Convention call upon the vestries of the respective churches for all the arrearages due from them.

3. *Resolved*, That it be the duty of the Treasurer to address the Rector or Senior Warden of each congregation at least one month before the sitting of the next Convention, urging the remittance of the assessment.

Your Committee find that many of the quota to the contingent fund remain unpaid.

THOS. MANEY.

LIST OF COMMITTEES, &c.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

Rev. J. T. Wheat, *Pres.*, Rev. Wm. C. Crane, F. B. Fogg and Jno. Shelby, M. D.

MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION.

Rev. Messrs. Patterson & Wheat, L. J. Polk and Wm. J. Polk, M. D.

BOOK DEPOSITORY.

Rev. Messrs. Alston and Wheat, Jno. Shelby and M. Watson.

EPISCOPATE FUND.

F. B. Fogg and Thomas Maney.

PENSION FUND.

Rev. Messrs. Crane and Wheat, F. B. Fogg and M. Watson.

TRUSTEES OF GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. Mr. Litton and F. B. Fogg.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONVENTION.

Rev. Messrs. Alston, Crane, Litton and Wheat; and of the Laity F. B. Fogg, M. Watson, T. W. Frazer and J. P. Trezevant.

TREASURER.

John Shelby, M. D., of Nashville.

SECRETARY.

Rev. J. T. Wheat, of Nashville.

The next Annual Convention will meet in St. Luke's Church, Jackson, on the second Wednesday in July, 1846.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
OF TENNESSEE.

THE Clergy and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Tennessee, for the purpose of promoting the cause of Religion and Piety, establishing order, and securing to themselves and posterity the advantages of the ministry and ordinances of the church, do ordain and establish this constitution.

ARTICLE 1. The Diocese shall be known and distinguished by the name of the Diocese of Tennessee.

ART. 2. The Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, is hereby acceded to, and adopted, and its authority fully recognised and acknowledged.

ART. 3. A Convention of the churches in this diocese shall be held annually, at such time and place as the last preceding Convention may appoint; and the Bishop, or if there be no resident Bishop, the Standing Committee may call a special Convention, whenever he or they may deem it expedient, at such time and place as he or they may think suitable.

ART. 4. The Convention shall be composed of the Clergy and Lay Delegates, constituting one deliberative body. All regularly ordained ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, whether pastors of congregations, or instructors of youth, shall be entitled to seats in the Convention. Each congregation shall have the privilege of sending three Lay Delegates, any one of whom may represent them in Convention.

ART. 5. The clergy and lay delegates shall, in Convention, deliberate in one body, and shall vote as such; and the votes of a majority of clergy and laity shall decide any question. But, when requested by any two members, the two orders shall vote separately and the concurrence of a majority of each order shall be necessary to its decision.

ART. 6. The Bishop, if there be one, shall be *ex-officio* president of the Convention. He may make any motion, but shall not enter into debate; and he may deliver his sentiments on any subject, after it has been discussed, and before any vote thereon. If there be no Bishop, or in case of his absence, a president *pro tem.* shall be appointed from the order of the clergy.

ART. 7. A Secretary shall be elected annually, whose duty it shall be to record the proceedings of the Convention, to notify the churches generally of the time and place of the meeting of the Convention, to preserve Journals and Records, to attest the public proceedings, to

continue in office until a successor be appointed, and to deliver into his hands all books and papers belonging to the Convention.

A Treasurer shall also be elected annually, whose duty it shall be to receive and disburse the funds of the Convention by the order thereof. He shall render an account of his transactions to each annual Convention.

ART. 8. A Standing Committee of four persons, two of the clerical and two of the lay order, shall be chosen at each annual meeting of the Convention, with power to fill vacancies in their body, and generally, to perform all other acts which may be required of them by the canons of the General Convention, or the Convention of this diocese.

ART. 9. Each congregation shall, on Easter Monday, or as soon thereafter as may be in each year, elect a vestry, consisting of not less than five, nor more than eleven persons, whose duty it shall be to attend to the temporal concerns of the church. They shall appoint two wardens out of their own body, a secretary and treasurer, and appoint delegates to the diocesan convention, and exercise all other powers vested in them by the usages of the church; continuing in office until a new vestry is chosen.

ART. 10. The election of a Bishop of this diocese, shall be by nomination of a majority of the clergy in the Convention assembled; and if such nomination be confirmed by a majority of the laity in said Convention, the person thus chosen shall be declared duly elected. But no election shall be considered legal, unless a majority of all the congregations shall be present by their clerical and lay delegates, and take part in the same.

ART. 11. The Book of Common Prayer and administration of the sacraments, and other rites and ceremonies of the church, as set forth by the General Convention, shall be used in the several churches of this diocese.

ART. 12. Any proposition for the alteration and amendment of this constitution must be made in writing, and assented to by a majority of the members in Convention. It shall then lie over for consideration until the next Convention, and shall require for its adoption the suffrages of two thirds of the members present.

CANONS

Of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Tennessee.

CANON I.

Of the Admission of New Churches.

Whenever any number of persons, not less than ten, shall associate to form an Episcopal Church, they shall adopt articles of association for their government, in which they shall acknowledge and accede to the constitution, canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and the constitution and canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the diocese of Tennessee; they shall assume a suitable name by which their church or parish may be designated, and appoint, not less than five, nor more than eleven vestrymen. A certified copy of the articles of association, and of the

proceedings at their adoption, shall then be laid before the Convention, and if approved by that body, delegates from the church or parish may take seats in the Convention; and the church shall be considered as united to the Convention; and subject to its decisions.

CANON II.

Of the Reception of Clergymen in this Diocese.

No Clergyman shall be admitted to the pastoral charge of any congregation in this diocese, without producing to the vestry thereof a certificate from the Bishop, or in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, from the Standing Committee, that he has produced to him or them testimonials of his religious and moral conduct, as prescribed by the canons of the General Convention.

CANON III.

SECTION 1. The trial of a clergyman of this diocese, shall be, on presentment made to the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, in writing, specifying the offences of which the accused is alleged to be guilty, with reasonable certainty as to time, place and circumstances, signed by the party making it; and every presentment of a clergyman shall be, either by the Convention of the diocese, by the vestry and church wardens of the parish to which such clergyman may belong, or by one or more presbyters of the Church, entitled to seats in Convention.

Sec. 2. Whenever from public rumor, or otherwise, the Bishop shall have reason to believe that any Clergyman is under the imputation of having been guilty of any offence or misconduct, for which he is liable to be tried, and that the interest of the Church requires an investigation, it shall be his duty to appoint three persons, of whom one at least shall be a Presbyter, to examine the case: a majority of whom may make such examination, and if there is in their opinion sufficient ground for presentment, shall present the Clergyman accordingly.

Sec. 3. A presentment being made in any one of the modes above prescribed, the Bishop, if the facts charged to him shall not appear to him to be such as constitute an offence, may dismiss it: or if it allege facts some of which do, and some of which do not constitute an offence, he may allow it in part and dismiss the residue, or he may permit it to be amended. When it shall be allowed in whole or in part, the Bishop shall cause a copy of it to be served on the accused; and shall also nominate six Presbyters of this diocese entitled to seats in the Convention—if there be so many—and if not all the Presbyters of the diocese—entitled to seats in the Convention, and not being parties to the presentment, and cause a list of their names to be served on the accused, who shall within thirty days after such service, select three of them and notify their names in writing to the Bishop; and if he shall not give such notification to the Bishop within the said thirty days, the Bishop shall select three, and the Presbyters so selected shall form a Board for the trial of the accused, and shall meet at such time and place as the Bishop shall direct, and shall have power to adjourn from

time to time, and from place to place, (but always within this diocese,) as they shall think necessary.

SEC. 4. A written notice of the time and place of their first meeting, shall be served at least thirty days before such meeting, on the accused, and also on one of the persons making the presentment.

SEC. 5. If at the time appointed for the first meeting of the Board of Presbyters, the whole number of three shall not attend, then those who do attend, being at least two in number, may adjourn from time to time; and if after one adjournment or more, it shall appear to them improbable that the whole number will attend within a reasonable time; then shall the accused, or, in case of his failure to do so—the Bishop—appoint another to complete the Board—who shall then proceed to the trial, and a majority of them shall decide all questions.

SEC. 6. If a Clergyman presented shall confess the truth of the facts alleged in the presentment, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to proceed to pass sentence; and if he shall not confess them before the appointment of a Board for his trial, as before mentioned, he shall be considered as denying them.

SEC. 7. If a Clergyman presented, after having had due notice, shall not appear before the Board of Presbyters appointed for his trial, the Board may nevertheless proceed as if he were present, unless for good cause they shall see fit to adjourn till another day.

SEC. 8. When the Board proceed to the trial, they shall hear such evidence as shall be produced, which evidence shall be reduced to writing, and signed by the witnesses respectively; and at the desire of either party, may be sworn to or affirmed by the witnesses respectively before the President of the Court. If on or during the trial, the accused shall confess the truth of the charges as stated in the presentment, the Board may dispense with hearing further evidence, and may proceed at once to state their opinion to the Bishop as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced.

SEC. 9. Upon the application of either party to the Bishop, and it being made satisfactorily to appear to him, that any material witness cannot be procured upon the trial, the Bishop may appoint a commissary to take the testimony of such witness. Such commissary may be either a Clergyman or Layman, and the party so applying, shall give to the other at least six days notice of the time and place of taking the testimony. And if the person on whom the notice shall be served, shall reside more than forty miles from the place of examination, an additional day's notice shall be given for every additional twenty miles of the said distance—and both parties may attend and examine the witness: and the questions and answers shall be reduced to writing and signed by the witness, and shall be certified by the commissary, and enclosed under his seal and transmitted to the Board, and shall be received by them as evidence. A witness examined before such commissary, may be sworn or affirmed by him.

SEC. 10. The Board having deliberately considered the evidence, shall declare in a writing signed by them, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether the accused is guilty or not guilty of such charges respective-

ly, and also stating the sentence which in their opinion should be pronounced; and a copy of such decision shall be without delay communicated to the accused; and the original decision, together with the evidence shall be delivered to the Bishop, who shall pronounce such canonical sentence as shall appear to them to be proper, provided the same shall not exceed in severity the sentence recommended by the Board; and such sentence shall be final. Before pronouncing any sentence, the Bishop shall summon the accused and any two or more of the Clergy to meet him at such time as may in his opinion be most convenient, in some church to be designated by him, which shall for that purpose be open at the time to all persons who may choose to attend, and the sentence shall then and there be publicly pronounced by the Bishop. But the Bishop, if he shall be satisfied that justice requires it, may grant a new trial to the accused, in which case a new Board of Presbyters shall be appointed, the proceedings before whom shall be conducted as before mentioned.

SEC. 11. All notices and papers contemplated in this Canon may be served by a summoner or summoners, to be appointed for the purpose by the Bishop, and whose certificate of such service shall be evidence thereof. In case of service by any other person, the fact shall be proved by the affidavit of such person. A written notice or paper delivered to a party, or left at his last place of residence, shall be deemed a sufficient service of such notice or paper, provided however, that the service, if not personal, shall be a notice of at least sixty days.

SEC. 12. The accused may have the privilege of appearing by counsel, in case of the excommunication of which privilege, and not otherwise, those who present shall have also the like privilege; which counsel shall in all cases be members of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

SEC. 13. The record of all proceedings upon a presentment of a Clergyman, shall be preserved by the Standing Committee, and for that purpose shall, after a final decision, be delivered to their Secretary.

CANON IV.

The Clergy required to attend the meetings of the Convention.

SECTION 1. Whereas the regular attendance of the clergy at the meetings of the Convention is of essential importance to the interests of the church; this duty is hereby enjoined on them.

SEC. 2. And whereas it is often found necessary to travel a considerable distance, to the place of the meeting of the Convention, it is hereby made the duty of the several parishes to make provision for the expenses of their clergy in attending Convention, either by a collection in Church on Sunday, or by some other mode.

CANON V.

Ministers of Parishes to keep a Register.

SECTION 1. The Parish Register required by Canon 29, of the General Convention of 1832, shall specify the name and the time of the birth of the child baptized, with the names of the parents and sponsors: the names of the adults baptized and the witnesses: the names of the parties married, and of two or more special witnesses of the same

and the place where the marriage was solemnized: the names of the persons buried and also the time in which each rite was performed. It shall also contain the names of persons confirmed and a list of the communicants. These Registers shall be kept by the minister in a suitable book to be provided by the vestry, which book shall be the Parish Register and shall be preserved by the vestry as a part of the records of the Church.

SEC. 2. Every minister of this diocese shall, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, present or send to the Bishop—or if there be no Bishop, to the President of the Convention—a statement of the number of the confirmed, and the number of those who regularly partake of the Lord's Supper: specifying the additions or removals under each head; and the number of marriages and funerals: He shall also report the number of pupils and teachers connected with Sunday-School instruction in the parish, and the amount of the "Offerings of the Church:" stating the objects to which such offerings are appropriated, and what has been done in compliance with the requisitions of the Convention. The parochial report may also present concisely any other matters of fact which show the state of the parish.

SEC. 3. In every case where a parish is destitute of a minister, the Register contemplated in this canon, shall be kept by some person appointed by the vestry for that purpose.

CANON VI.

Delegates to be chosen to represent the diocese in General Convention.

The Convention at each annual meeting shall choose delegates to attend the General Convention. And should the delegation elected to represent the diocese in General Convention be unable to attend, then the Bishop, or where there is no Bishop the Standing Committee, shall have power to appoint a delegate or delegates in behalf of the diocese.

CANON VII.

Certificates to be required of lay delegates to the Diocesan Convention.

The appointment of lay delegates to the Convention of the diocese shall be certified in writing by the rector, or warden, or the secretary of the vestry, of the proper church. And no person shall be admitted as a Lay Delegate in this Convention who is not entitled to vote for vestrymen in the parish which he claims to represent.

CANON VIII.

Parochial Assessments.

SECTION 1. The vestry of every parish in this diocese shall pay to the treasurer of the Convention, at each annual meeting thereof, its assessment for the contingent expenses of the diocese:—and also, to the same officer, its assessment for the support of the Episcopate, one half thereof on the first day of March, and the other half on the first day of September in each year.

SEC. 2. The treasurer shall at least one month previously to the meeting of every stated Convention, call upon the vestry of each parish to send its assessment for the contingent expenses, including arrearage if there be any, by the hands of the delegates to the Convention.

And he shall also draw upon the vestry of each parish, at thirty days notice, on the 1st of March, and on the 1st of September, in each year, for one half of its assessment for the support of the Episcopate; and if there be any arrearages on first assessments, he shall forward at the same time a statement thereof.

SEC. 3. The treasurer shall regularly charge the said assessments on his books against each vestry, crediting the same with payments when made; and shall report annually to the Convention the state of his accounts with each parish, which report shall be entered on the Journals of the Convention.

CANON IX.

Directing the mode of organizing the Convention.

The Convention shall be opened with prayer, after which the Bishop or President of the Convention shall proceed to organize in the following manner. A list of the clergy entitled to seats furnished by the Bishop shall first be called. The Bishop or President, shall appoint a committee of two clergymen to examine the certificates of the lay delegates who shall report thereupon, the names of such persons as are entitled to seats. The Convention shall then proceed to elect a Secretary, which being done, the Bishop or President shall pronounce the Convention duly organized. The Convention sermon shall be preached by the Bishop or by some clergyman appointed by the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, in the evening of the first day of the Convention.

CANON X.

Of Missions and of Education for the Ministry.

SECTION 1. The Church of Christ being essentially a Missionary institution, and every part thereof pledged, by the Christian profession, to the support of the Missionary work; and the education of young men, for the ministry, being necessary to the furtherance of the gospel, in the same work—it is solemnly urged upon every member of the church, that he consider his Christian profession as involving direct obligation to promote these objects.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of every minister in this diocese, to instruct the people of his charge, in relation to these objects. And it is recommended to every member of the church, to lay by him, on the first day of the week, in store, for those purposes as God has prospered him, according to the Apostolic direction. It is recommended that there be in every parish in this diocese a monthly collection on Sunday, the avails of which shall be forwarded quarterly by the wardens thereof to the treasurer of the Missionary and Education Committee.

SEC. 3. There shall be at each annual meeting of the Convention a Committee, consisting of the Bishop of the diocese, *ex-officio*, and four other members—two clerical and two lay, elected by ballot, to be called the Missionary and Education Committee; to which shall be committed the appointment and regulation of beneficiaries, the appointing of missionaries and missionary stations, and making of all appropriations of money for either object; and no money shall be paid by the Treasurer but by an order of the Committee.

Sec. 4. It shall be the privilege of the contributors to designate to which purpose, and also to which branch of the missionary cause, if such be the designation, their contribution shall be applied. If no designation be made, it shall be at the disposal of the Committee.

Sec. 5. The Bishop of the diocese shall preside in all meetings of the Committee, when he is present, if absent, a chairman *pro tem.* shall be appointed. The Committee shall appoint a Secretary and Treasurer.

Sec. 6. The Committee shall meet annually at the place and on the first day of the annual Convention of the diocese, and at such other times and places as the president may from time to time appoint, or as may be found convenient on their own adjournment. Three attending members shall be a quorum, and every meeting shall be opened with prayer.

Sec. 7. No beneficiary or missionary shall be appointed without the written consent of the Bishop of the diocese; or in case there shall be no Bishop, the Standing Committee of the same, which consent shall be entered on the minutes.

Sec. 8. At every annual meeting of the Committee, the Secretary of the same shall submit a report of the transactions of the year, then terminated, which with the Treasurer's report of the receipts and expenditures shall be laid before the Convention.

Sec. 9. Vacancies in the Committee, occurring during the recess of the Convention, may be supplied by the Committee.

CANON XI.

Providing for a Book Depository.

SECTION 1. At every stated Convention there shall be appointed a Sunday School, Bible, Prayer Book, and Tract Committee, to consist of the Bishop, and two clerical and two lay members of the Convention, whose duty it shall be to establish and keep up one depository or more, of Sunday School books, Bibles, Prayer Books and Tracts, which Bibles and other books shall be sold to any parish at cost.

Sec. 2. This Committee shall appoint its own officers and agents, and shall report to each Convention the condition of the depository.

CANON XII.

Of the Secretary of the Convention.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to transmit annually to each of the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States, and to the Secretary of the last house of the clerical and lay Deputies in the General Convention, to the Conservator of ecclesiastical documents appointed by the General Convention, and to the Secretary of every diocesan Convention, a copy of the Journal of the Convention: and shall request the last to send copies of their respective Journals in exchange. He shall also transmit a copy to each clergyman and each lay deputy attending the Convention, and forward by mail, unless otherwise directed, ten copies to each church in the diocese.

Sec. 2. Whenever there shall be a vacancy in the office of Secretary of the Convention, the duties thereof shall devolve upon the Secretary of the Standing Committee.

SEC. 3. Any expense incurred by a compliance with the several sections of this Canon shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the diocese.

CANON XIII.

Of Elections.

SECTION 1. All the officers of this Convention shall be elected by ballot; but elections by ballot may be dispensed with by a unanimous vote of the Convention.

SEC. 2. In all cases of failure or omission to elect officers by the Convention, the persons last elected shall continue in office until others be chosen.

CANON XIV.

An Episcopate Fund.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of every parish in this diocese, to make a collection for the support of the Episcopate, on Easter of each year, which shall be forwarded without delay, by the Treasurer of the parish, to the Treasurer of the diocese. The fund thus collected shall, for the time being, be safely invested for accumulation. The Convention shall appoint two Trustees to act with the Treasurer in the investment of this fund, and of any other funds which may be given by bequest or otherwise for this purpose.

SEC. 2. The moneys thus collected for this purpose shall be allowed to accumulate until they shall reach the sum of Fifteen Thousand dollars, when the interest thereof shall be applied to the support of the Episcopate.

CANON XV.

SECTION 1. No proposed alteration or addition to the Canons shall hereafter be considered by the Convention, unless at least one day's previous notice be given thereof in open Convention, nor unless by unanimous consent, until such alteration or addition shall have been referred to and reported upon by a committee of at least two presbyters and one layman.

SEC. 2. Any Canon may be suspended temporarily by unanimous consent.

CANON XVI.

Whenever a clergyman shall refuse or neglect to discharge any duties growing out of an appointment under these Canons, without assigning to the Ecclesiastical authority sufficient and satisfactory reasons for such neglect, he shall be liable to ecclesiastical proceedings or censure.

CANON XVII.

SECTION 1. Whenever there shall be a repealing clause in any Canon and the said Canon shall be repealed, such repeal shall not be a re-enactment of the Canon or Canons repealed by the said repealing clause.

SEC. 2. The provisions of this Canon shall also apply to Canons heretofore passed having repealing clauses.

CANON XVIII.

All former Canons of this Convention are hereby repealed.

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION IN FORMING CHURCHES.

Extract from the Journal of Convention of 1830.

Resolved, That it be recommended to each congregation of this Diocese now existing, and also to each congregation which may hereafter be formed, before it shall be received into union with this Convention, to adopt articles of association, declaratory of the objects of the congregation, and for increasing the facilities for the transaction of any business; and that the following form be adopted as near as circumstances will allow.

Form of Articles of Association for Congregations.

Whereas the following named persons, citizens of _____ and its vicinity, in Tennessee, viz: _____, together with others, have associated together for the purpose of forming and establishing a church in which the worship of God shall be conducted according to the faith and discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, and have for that purpose formed a congregation at _____ now, at this date, worshipping in _____. They do hereby declare the following to be the objects, articles and conditions of their association:

1. The name of the association or congregation shall be the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of _____ church.

2. This church acknowledges itself to be a member of, and to belong to the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Tennessee, and the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America. As such it accedes to, recognises, and adopts the constitution, canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and acknowledges their authority accordingly.

3. Any member of this church or association, who shall disclaim, or refuse conformity to the said authority, shall cease to be a member of this association, and shall not be elected or vote in the election of Vestrymen, or exercise any office or function in, concerning or connected with the said church or association.

4. The rents and revenues of this association shall be from time to time applied for the maintenance and support of the rector, ministers, and officers of the said church, and of the church, church-yard, and parsonage house, and other houses which now do, or may hereafter belong to the said association, and to no other purpose whatever.

5. The said association or church, or trustees, in whose name their property shall be vested, shall not by deed, or by any other means, without the consent of the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in whose diocese this church shall, for the time, canonically be, under his hand; or in case of a vacancy in the Episcopal office, of the Standing Committee of the said diocese, by a major number thereof, under their hands, previously had and obtained, grant, alien, or otherwise dispose of, any lands, messuages, tenements, or hereditaments in them vested

for the use and benefit of the said church or congregation, nor charge nor incumber the same to any person whomsoever.

6. The rector of this church shall be elected by the wardens and vestrymen, in open meeting, duly convened for that purpose. The vestry of this church shall consist of not less than five, nor more than eleven persons, members of the said church, who shall continue in office one year, and until others be chosen; and the election of said vestrymen shall be made, annually, on Easter Monday, by a majority of such persons, worshippers in the said church, and not disqualified under the second of these articles, as shall appear by the vestry books to have paid two successive years, immediately preceding the time of the election, the full rent of a pew or seat in the said church, or contributed in any other regular way towards the support of the church or ministry; *provided*, that until the expiration of two years from Easter Monday next after the opening the said church edifice for regular worship, any worshippers in the said congregation, who shall have contributed and paid any sum for the building of the said church, or who shall have contributed and paid any sum to the support of the rector or minister thereof, and not disqualified as above, shall be entitled to vote at the election of vestrymen. And if the election of vestrymen should not be effected on Easter Monday, it may take place on any subsequent day, notice to that effect being given publicly, to the congregation, on the Sunday immediately preceding the same.

7. No person shall be rector, or minister, or assistant minister of this church, or allowed to execute any of the functions of the same, unless he shall be recognized by the Bishop in whose diocese this church shall canonically be; or, if there be no Bishop, then by the Standing Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of Tennessee, as a minister of Protestant Episcopal, in good standing.

8. The said Vestry shall have power to elect two church wardens, and such other officers as may be required by the canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, or by the constitution and canons of the said church in Tennessee, or shall seem to them to be necessary—they shall exercise all other powers customarily belonging to their office, and in case of a vacancy in the rectoryship, shall exercise all the powers, by these articles vested in the rector, wardens, and vestrymen: *Provided always*, that it shall be the duty of the said wardens and vestrymen to elect another rector to supply such vacancy as soon as conveniently may be.

9. In case of the dissolution of this association for any cause whatever, the lands, tenements, and other estate, real or personal, if such there be, shall vest in the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in whose diocese this church may, at the time be, and his canonical successors; to be by him and them held in trust for the benefit of a future congregation of members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, which may be formed in the same vicinity, and upon the same principles as the present church, and this association.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with a form of prayer.
2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.
3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the House, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.
4. Every member speaking in debate shall rise from his seat, and, without advancing, shall respectfully address the President, confining his observations strictly to the point in debate.
5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without permission from the President.
6. A question being once determined, shall not again be brought before the house, unless on a motion for reconsideration made by one of the majority.
7. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded; and reduced to writing, when required.
8. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken immediately, and without debate.

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RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with a form of prayer.
2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.
3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the House, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.
4. Every member speaking in debate shall rise from his seat, and, without advancing, shall respectfully address the President, confining his observations strictly to the point in debate.
5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without permission from the President.
6. A question being once determined, shall not again be brought before the house, unless on a motion for reconsideration made by one of the majority.
7. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded; and reduced to writing, when required.
8. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken immediately, and without debate.

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LIST OF CLERGYMEN

Belonging to the Diocese of Tennessee, and entitled to seats in the Convention.

1. R.T. REV. JAMES HERVEY OTEY, D. D. DIOCESAN, and
Rector of St. Peter's Church, Columbia.
2. REV. PHILIP W. ALSTON, *Rector of Calvary Church, Memphis.*
3. " W.M. C. CRANE, " " Trinity " Clarksville.
4. " THOMAS W. HUMES,* *Residing at Knoxville.*
5. " LEWIS JANSEN, *Rector of St. Luke's, Jackson.*
6. " JOHN NOBLE, " " St. Mark's, Williamsport.
7. " JAMES W. ROGERS, " " St. Paul's, Randolph.
8. " JOHN SANDELS, *Professor of Law, Mercer Hall, Columbia.*
9. " F. G. SMITH,* *Rector Fem. Inst., Columbia.*
10. " DAN'L STEPHENS, D. D. " of St. James', Bolivar.
11. " J. STEPHENSON, " of Immanuel, Lagrange.
12. " CHARLES TOME, " of St. John's, Knoxville.
13. " J. T. WHEAT, D. D., " of Christ Ch., Nashville.
14. " JOHN A. HARRISON,* Deacon, St. John's, Ashland.
15. " SAM'L. SHERWELL,* " St. Paul's, Franklin.

LIST OF PARISHES AND DELEGATES.

1. <i>Christ Church, Nashville,</i>	John Shelby, M. D. *Francis B. Fogg. *Matthew Watson. *Che's. Isodore de Miollis. Donald MacLeod. Thos. W. Frazer. Wm. R. Bringhurst. *Lewis G. Williams. John Anderson. William Burton. Thos. Gloster. James Caruthers. Wm. H. Stephens. James L. Talbot. J. B. Lamb. Jos. A. Green. Dr. Sam'l. Oldham. James Wood. William Wood. *E. R. Kennie. *W. McConnell. H. M. Grosvenor. Sam'l. McNeal. Montezuma Jones. Dan'l. M. Stephens. None reported. *Sam'l. W. Bell. *Sam'l. Mansfield. *Hugh L. Tinley. None reported. Geo. T. Taylor. Sam'l. T. Taylor. *R. B. Sommerville.
2. <i>St. Peter's, Columbia,</i>	
3. <i>Trinity, Clarksville,</i>	
4. <i>Immanuel, Lagrange,</i>	
5. <i>St. Luke's, Jackson,</i>	
6. <i>St. Paul's, Randolph,</i>	
7. <i>Zion, Brownsville,</i>	
8. <i>Calvary, Memphis,</i>	
9. <i>St. James', Bolivar,</i>	
10. <i>St. Mark's, Williamsport,</i>	
11. <i>St. John's, Knoxville,</i>	
12. <i>St. John's, Ashwood,</i>	
13. <i>Trinity Ch. Tipton Co.</i>	

*Not present at the Convention.

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THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the diocese of Tennessee, met in St. Luke's Church, Jackson, on the 8th of July, 1846.

The Rt. Rev. JAMES HERBY OTEY, D. D., diocesan, *ex officio* President of the Convention, having opened the meeting by prayer, caused to be read the list of clergymen entitled to seats; of whom there were present:

Rev. Wm. C. Crane, Rector of Trinity Church, Clarksville;
" John Noble, " St. Mark's, Williamsport;
" John Sandels, Prof. Lan. Mercer Hall, Columbia;
" Daniel Stephens, D. D., Rector of St. James', Bolivar;
" J. T. Wheat, D. D., " Christ Church, Nashville;
" Jas. Stephenson, Deacon, Immanuel, La Grange.

Messrs. Crane and Wheat were appointed to examine the certificates of Lay-delegates. Their report was accepted, including those from

<i>Christ Church</i>	Nashville,
<i>St. Peter's</i>	Columbia,
<i>Trinity</i>	Clarksville,
<i>Immanuel</i>	La Grange,
<i>St. Luke's</i>	Jackson,
<i>St. James'</i>	Bolivar.

The delegates present were:

From *St. Peter's, Columbia*, Donald MacLeod;
" *Trinity, Clarksville*, { Tho. W. Frazer;
" *Immanuel, La Grange*, { William R. Bringhurst;
" *John Anderson*;
" *Thos. Gloster*;

From <i>St. Luke's, Jackson,</i>	James Caruthers;
	William H. Stephens;
" <i>St. James', Bolivar,</i>	Daniel M. Stephens;
	Montezuma Jones.

The Rev. Dr. Wheat was unanimously re-elected Secretary.

And the Convention then adjoured to attend Divine worship, and to meet again at 4 P. M.

AFTERNOON.

In addition to those present in the morning was the Rev. Mr. Rogers.

The Rules of Order of the last Convention were re-adopted.

The report of the Standing Committee was read. (*See Appendix.*)

The Treasurer's report was referred to Messrs. Caruthers and Anderson, to be audited.

By unanimous consent, balloting being dispensed with, the following elections were then made, *viva voce*:

Standing Committee:

Of the clergy, the Rev. Messrs. Crane and Wheat.
" " laity, Dr. Shelby and F. B. Fogg.

Delegates to General Convention:

Of the clergy, Messrs. Alston, Crane, Humes & Wheat.
" " laity, " F.B.Fogg, W.H.Stephens, Thos. W. Frazer and Dr. Oldham.

Trustees of General Theological Seminary:

The Rev. Mr. Sandels and F. B. Fogg.

Com. on Book Depository:

Of the clergy, Messrs. Alston and Wheat.
" " laity, " Shelby and Watson.

Missionary and Education Committee:

Of the clergy, Messrs. Harrison and Wheat.
" " laity, " L. J. Polk and W. J. Polk.

Pension Fund:

Of the clergy, Messrs. Crane and Wheat.

" " laity, " John Shelby and M. Watson.

Episcopate Fund:

F. B. Fogg and Thomas Mancy.

Treasurer:

Edward Shegog, of Columbia.

Mr. S. not being present the Rev. Mr. Sandels was appointed Treasurer, *pro. tem.*

The report of the Treasurer of the Pension Fund was received, read, and ordered to be entered on the journal. Mr. Watson was re-elected Treasurer of that fund.

Adjourned until 4 P. M., the next day.

[Agreeably to the provisions of the ix Canon, the Convention Sermon was preached in the evening of this first day, by the Rev. Wm. C. Crane, of Trinity Church, Clarksville, from cii. Psalm, 13 v: "Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Sion; for it is time that thou have mercy upon her; yea, the time is come."]

THURSDAY, 9th July.

The following named delegates appeared to-day:

From *Christ Church, Nashville*.....John Shelby, M. D.

" *St. Luke's, Jackson*.....James L. Talbot.

" *Zion, Brownsville*..... { Dr. Sam'l. Oldham.
 } James Wood.

" *Calvary, Memphis*.....H. M. Grosvenor.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The articles of association for a newly organized parish called "Trinity Church, Tipton County," were referred to Rev. Mr. Tomes and Mr. Wm. H. Stephens, who reporting favorably, the parish was admitted to connexion with the church in this diocese, and the following delegates to seats in this Convention:

Geo. T. Taylor, Samuel T. Taylor.

The auditing Committee reported the accounts of Dr. Shelby, Treasurer, to be correct.

Messrs. Tomes, Noble, Shelby, MacLeod, Frazer, Anderson, Caruthers, Green, Oldham, Grosvenor, Jones and Geo. T. Taylor, were appointed a Committee on Assessments.

The Bishop read his annual address. (*See Appendix.*)

The following preamble and resolution were adopted.

Whereas, This Convention has learned that the Female Institute, at Columbia, is still embarrassed by debt, and that if entirely relieved of such embarrassment, it might be secured permanently to the control of the church in this diocese,

Therefore resolved, That a Committee of three persons be appointed to consider and report what present action in the premises may be expedient.

Committee, Dr. Wheat, Dr. Shelby, Mr. Frazer.

Certain amendments to the Canons being proposed, unanimous consent was given to their being acted upon to-morrow, without intermediate reference to a Committee.

Adjourned till 4 P. M., to-morrow.

FRIDAY, 10th June.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Mr. William Burton, a delegate from Immanuel Church, La Grange, and Mr. Wm. Wood, of Zion, Brownsville, appeared and took their seats.

The Parochial Reports (*See Appendix.*) were read by the Secretary.

The Committee to whom was referred the deviaing of some means for relieving the present pecuniary embarrassments of the Columbia Female Institute, respectfully recommended the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to report fully at the next annual Convention the financial condition of the Institute, and upon what terms it may become the property of the church in this diocese: such report to be ac-

companied if practicable, with a proposition to that effect in writing from the Trustees of the Institute.

The report being accepted and the resolution adopted, the Chair appointed as the Committee, Francis B. Fogg, Jas. H. Thomas and Lucius J. Polk.

The Bishop *ex officio*, President of the Missionary and Education Committee, reported that the only appropriation of the past year, was that of \$50, to the Rev. Mr. Sherwell of St. Paul's Church, Franklin.

A new Canon of the Pension Fund was adopted in the precise words of the Resolution by which that fund was first created by the Convention of 1843. (*See Appendix.*)

The first number of the 2nd section of the v. Canon, was amended so as to read:

Sec. 2. Every Minister of this diocese, shall, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, present or send to the Bishop—or if there be no Bishop, to the President of the Convention—a statement of the number baptized and confirmed since the last annual Convention, the number of those who partake of the Lord's Supper, specifying the additions or removals that may have taken place; and the number of marriages and funerals.

Leave of absence for the remainder of the session was granted to Messrs. Lamb and Green of St. Paul's Church, Randolph.

The following being moved and seconded was made the subject of debate:

Resolved, That the Bishop of this diocese be requested to act under the provisions of the vi. Canon of the General Convention of 1844, entitled: "Of a discretion to be allowed in the Calling, Trial and Examination of Deacons in certain cases."

Without coming to a vote upon this proposition, the Convention adjourned till 8½ o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, 11th July.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The order of the day, being the undecided resolution of request to the Bishop, to act under vi. Canon of 1844, was taken up, a motion to lay it on the table was lost, and the question recurring upon the original resolution, it was adopted, and so the request was made.

The Committee on Assessments made the following report, which was received and the accompanying resolution was adopted:

The Committee on Assessments respectfully report to the Convention, that they recommend that following assessments be made upon the several parishes of the diocese, for the support of the Episcopate, and for the Contingent Expenses, of the Convention—for the ensuing year:

	Con. Ex.	Epis'e.
<i>Christ Church</i> —Nashville.....	\$20.....	\$250
<i>St. Paul's</i> —Franklin.....	5.....	20
<i>St. Peter's</i> —Columbia.....	10.....	100
<i>Trinity</i> —Clarksville	10.....	75
<i>Immanuel</i> —La Grange.....	5.....	65
<i>St. Luke's</i> —Jackson	5.....	50
<i>Zion</i> —Brownsville.....	5.....	20
<i>Calvary</i> —Memphis.....	15.....	210
<i>St. James'</i> —Bolivar.....	5.....	45
<i>St. John's</i> —Knoxville.....	5.....	75
<i>St. John's</i> —Ashwood.....	5.....	60
<i>St. Mark's</i> —Williamsport.....	6.....	15
<i>Trinity</i> —Tipton County	5.....	20
<i>St. Paul's</i> —Randolph	5.....	20
Congregation at Covington.....	5.....	15
Cong. &c., at Athens, &c., in E. Tenn.	30	
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	\$110	\$1070

Making a total of \$110 for Contingent Expenses—and \$1070 for the support of the Episcopate.

The Committee find that the following sums, in addition to the Assessments for the current ecclesiastical year, not having been paid, are yet due:

	Con. Ex.	S. of Epis'e.
<i>Christ Church</i> —Nashville.....	\$350 00	
<i>St. Paul's</i> —Franklin.....	\$5.....	40 00
<i>St. Peter's</i> —Columbia.....		250 00
<i>Trinity</i> —Clarksville.....		115 32
<i>Immanuel</i> —La Grange	10.....	20 00
<i>Zion</i> —Brownsville.....		30 00
<i>St. James'</i> —Bolivar		30 00
<i>St. Mark's</i> —Williamsport	5.....	50 00
<i>St. Paul's</i> —Randolph		15 00
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	\$20	\$901 32

The Committee recommend the adoption by the Convention of the following resolution:

Resolved, That whatever balance of the Contingent Fund may be left in the hands of the Treasurer, after having paid the expenses of the Convention, be applied to the support of the Episcopate.

J. SHELBY, Ch'a.

Adjourned to meet at half past two.

AFTERNOON.

Resolved, That the next Convention be held in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, on the third Wednesday in May, 1847.

Five hundred copies of the Journal were ordered to be printed and distributed in the usual manner, and the Treasurer was instructed to pay the Secretary's order for the same, and for an unpaid balance due S. Nye & Co.

Resolved, unanimously, That this Convention make grateful acknowledgements for the kind hospitalities of their friends in Jackson, and that this expression of thanks be communicated through the Rector of St. Luke's Church.

After singing the 27th Hymn, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

JAMES H. OTEY, *President.*

J. T. WHEAT, *Secretary.*

[During the sittings of the Convention, the church was opened for public prayer and preaching twice a day. These services were well attended by devout worshippers. There were several baptisms of adults as well as infants, and the Bishop confirmed, on three successive occasions, eighteen in all. On Sunday two deacons, Messrs. Rogers and Stephenson were admitted to the priesthood, and about fifty communicants were partakers of the Eucharistic feast.

Strikingly beautiful and affecting was the conformity of the church with the Pentecostal pattern—not only in Apostolic doctrine and fellowship, but in an unsparing hospitality that gave its meet with gladness and singleness of heart, and an untiring devotion in all that believed, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, praising God, and having favor with all the people. The Convention at Jackson will long be remembered as a season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.]

APPENDIX.

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY:

In meeting together again in convention after the lapse of more than twelve months, it is cause of devout gratitude to God, that we have not to mourn over the loss of any of our brethren in the ministry by death. With the prolongation of our lives, our privileges and opportunities of usefulness have been graciously continued, and we come together with many evidences of the divine blessing in the increased number and spiritual improvement of those committed to our charge. May we ever remember that as our means of usefulness enlarge, our responsibilities grow in a like proportion, and that for the faithful and proper discharge of these we are dependent upon the assistance of divine grace! Let us then in our present work and in all our doings look to God for that help which is so freely promised to all that ask for it, that our councils may be governed by the spirit of wisdom, our proceedings guided by prudence and discretion, and the work for which we have assembled be performed with that harmony and love which have heretofore so remarkably prevailed in the meetings of the conventions of the church in this diocese. It is not among the least of the many causes of mutual gratulation which we have, that our peace has not been disturbed by variant opinions upon the questions which have unhappily agitated the minds of our brethren in other portions of the church. Guided by the teachings of God's holy word as plainly held forth and exhibited in the language of the Common Prayer book, understood in the sense in which words are commonly received among men, our people have "dwelt together in unity" and are now found "standing fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel." It is not probable that we shall find any causes of dissension among ourselves unless they should be introduced by our religious journals which weekly find their way to the studies of our clergymen and to the families of our lay brethren. Instead of being vehicles for conveying valuable information and instruction—imparting comfort and con-

solation under the trials and afflictions of life—strengthening the faith, encouraging the hope and enlarging the charity of the christian by dwelling upon topics having these ends in view, they, with very few exceptions, so far as I have been able to observe, are filled with articles little calculated to inform the mind or mend the heart—they abound with discussions, the almost certain effect of which must be to sow dissensions among those at peace, and widen the breach between those at variance. Railing, sarcasm and bitterness for the most part characterize the spirit in which they are conducted; and the day is not very distant when they will come to be regarded as positively injurious to the church and the great interests which she is charged to defend and cherish, unless those who conduct them can be brought to be more charitable in their opinions and more courteous in the expression of them. Twice has the House of Bishops spoken upon this subject, and rebuked the spirit of uncharitableness with which persons and opinions have been treated by the press under the control of men who are ministers of the church. Admonition has been almost unheeded and certainly disregarded. The only remedy to meet and cure this state of things is in the hands of the lay of our communion. If they choose to patronize publications, the diffusion and perusal of which are calculated to plant and keep alive “roots of bitterness,” we must be content to bear, as best we may, the fruits of division and contention which they will too surely produce. We are in the very midst of an experiment, perhaps the most important and interesting, that can engage the thoughts and attention of the people of this country. It is to ascertain whether christianity can be sustained by the unconstrained and voluntary support of the people. All other nations have laid religion at the basis of their civil institutions and regarded the ecclesiastical polity in alliance with the state. Our forefathers in this land, disengaged this unnatural and injurious connexion, as they deemed it, and by the constitutions of all the states have left religion to the sustaining hand of the voluntary system. Every lover of his country and every friend of the church must ardently wish that the operation of the system may be successful—must pray that the fondly cherished hopes of our ancestors may be realized, who trusted that religion would be most pure and influential when left to the fostering care of Heaven, and unaided by the secular arm except to secure to it protection. The whole character of our civil institutions is to derogate from all claims advanced to the dignity and prerogative of office considered in itself. In short the respect of official station must be founded on the worth of personal character. It is idle and vain to expect it to be conceded on any other grounds. If these things be so, and they will not probably be denied, we may well express astonishment at the reckless and daring assaults made by the editors of our religious journals, upon the personal character of some of the Bishops of the church—and this too with solemn and reiterated protestations of reverence for the Episcopal office—of devoted attachment to the church. These editors

know the tremendous power with which they are thus armed, and they furthermore know that there is little or nothing to oppose its destructive influence, but the withdrawal of that support on the part of the people on which they rely to send their publications abroad and scatter around "firebrands, arrows and death." It may be supposed that the influence of one paper will be counteracted by the efforts of another of opposite principles, and that thus the evil complained of will cure itself. It has not been found so in practice, and surely the spectacle presented in the mutual recrimination and abuse which mark editorial intercourse on the part of the religious press, is little creditable to the clerical profession and as little so to the communion which tolerates it. In making these remarks, I am not conscious of any feeling which seeks to deliver our ministry from any just responsibility to the church, and to the public at large for the sentiments to which they may give utterance, and still less to escape accountability for their conduct. But I do most earnestly protest against that arbitrary and unfeeling exercise of the power of the press, which undertakes to pronounce upon the motives and acts of our Bishops, and to arraign them at the bar of public opinion, and by exciting the bad passions of human nature, to bring them and their office into discredit and contempt.

Unless this course of things is arrested we may expect the revival of the sad scenes which history portrays as deforming the fair face of christianity in days long past, when Bishop excommunicated Bishop, and charity was known among the professed followers of Christ as an empty name.

I hope the remark will not be deemed out of place, when I say, that it seems to me that a Register of passing events in connection with the church—containing notices of clerical charges—ordinations—consecrations of churches, &c.—meetings of conventions—Episcopal charges and dresses, and reports of missionaries and such like matters of general local interest would embrace nearly every thing which the members of our communion, in the present state of the church would desire. I am certain that very many of them would prefer such a publication to the one by which they are now weekly visited, and I feel confident in the opinion that if any publisher can be found enterprising enough to undertake such a work, as that I have indicated, he will receive a patronage fully sufficient to reward him for his labor and his pains.

The following extracts from my private journal comprise all the official acts in which I have taken part since the last convention, except such as I have performed out of the diocese, and such also as I have been employed in as the Rector of St. Peter's Church.

11, 1845.—At Trinity Church, Clarksville, after morning prayer, I had and confirmed two persons. At 11 o'clock the same day, after the litany, &c., I again preached and instituted the Rev. Wm. C. as Rector of the Parish. The congregations were very large on

these occasions, and the newly instituted Rector administered the Holy Communion.

June 8.—Visited St. John's Church, Ashwood, reading prayers and preaching in the morning, and in the afternoon reading prayers, lecturing to the black people and catechizing the children.

June 15.—Performed the like services at the same church, and in addition united a couple in the bonds of holy matrimony.

July 13.—At St. Peter's Church, Columbia, the morning prayer was read by the Rev. Messrs. Wheat and Patterson, a sermon was preached by the Rev. E. Allen of Ohio, when I admitted Mr. James W. Rogers to the Holy Order of Deacons, and administered the Lord's Supper. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Dr. Wheat.

July 20.—At St. John's Church, Knoxville, after prayers I preached to a large congregation in the morning and likewise at night. On this latter occasion I confirmed *twenty-three* persons—the first fruits of the Rev. Mr. Tomes' ministry.

July 21.—Preached in the morning and afternoon at the same place, after prayers by Messrs. Tomes, Humes and Peake of the diocese of Florida.

July 22.—Rev. Mr. Tomes said morning prayer and I again preached. On all these occasions the congregations were large and appeared to be favorably impressed by our services.

In the afternoon of this day, I laid the Corner Stone of St. John's Church, Knoxville, with the religious ceremonies customary on such occasions, in the presence of an immense concourse of people, to whom the Rev. Mr. Tomes delivered an eloquent and interesting address, setting forth the spiritual character of our worship and vindicating the church from the misrepresentations of bigotry and prejudice. Thus most happily and under most favorable auspices has the work of erecting a church edifice at Knoxville been begun. The system of the church in all respects has been fully carried out in this place, and the consequence has been an intelligent attachment to her forms and a thorough conviction of the spirituality of her worship. Scrupulous attention has been manifested that every part of divine worship might be conducted decently and in order, and there are few congregations in our country which seem to delight more in the services of the sanctuary than the little flock under the pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. Tomes. The house in which they at present worship is fitted up in a style creditable to their sense of propriety, and of the natural decency of things, while the hearty and devout manner in which they engage in divine worship shows that they realize in some good degree the importance of the declaration which says "they who worship God must worship him in spirit and in truth."

July 23.—After morning prayer, I preached and assisted by the Rev. Mr. Tomes, administered the Holy Communion to about *thirty* persons. In the afternoon preached again after prayers.

July 24.—Left Knoxville in company with the Rev. Messrs. Peake and Tomes, intending to visit Athens, about sixty miles distant, and at night reached the mouth of Tellico, on Tennessee river, where we were very hospitably entertained by Mr. A. Humes.

July 25.—Notice for service having been circulated through the neighborhood, by 11 o'clock, A. M., one hundred and fifty or two hundred persons had assembled at Mr. Humes' for worship, many of whom probably for the first time in their lives heard then the liturgy of our church. The service was read by Messrs. Tomes and Peake, after which I addressed those present upon the subject of the church and the service, explaining the character and object of both, preached upon the duty of confessing Christ before men, as well by outward ordinances and worship as by a holy life, and confirmed *one* person.

July 26.—A heavy rain prevented our moving towards Athens till late in the day. About night-fall we were most kindly welcomed to the house of Judge Keith, about three miles from our place of destination.

July 27.—Morning and evening service was performed by the brethren who accompanied me to Athens; after which I preached to large and attentive congregations.

July 28.—Returning to-day to Mr. Humes', at the mouth of Tellico, we had service at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when I confirmed *one* person.

July 31.—Having returned to Knoxville and made all the previous necessary arrangements, I admitted the Rev. Thos. W. Humes, Deacon, to the holy order of the Priesthood. The morning service was conducted by the Rev. Messrs. Peake and Tomes—the sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Wheat, and the candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Tomes. Mr. Humes, since his ordination, has assisted Mr. Tomes in St. John's Church, Knoxville, and officiated as opportunity has served, at the mouth of Tellico and at Athens.

Aug. 3.—Having reached Buen Ayre upon my return from East Tennessee, I determined to spend a few days at this celebrated watering place for the benefit of my health. A Sunday intervening during my stay, I read morning prayer and preached to those present, and was both surprised and gratified to find a large number entering with spirit and devotion into the service of the church.

Sept. 7.—After morning prayer and sermon in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, I confirmed *four* persons and admitted *five* for the first time to the holy communion.

Sept. 11.—United in matrimony a couple in St. John's Parish, Ashwood, and received on letters dismissing from Bp. Kemper, the Rev. Sam. Sherwell as a Deacon into this Diocese.

Sept. 21.—Officiated by reading prayers and preaching morning and afternoon in St. John's ch., Ashwood, and baptizing *two* infants.

Oct. 12.—At St. Peter's church, Columbia, confirmed *two* persons in the afternoon, after the usual morning and evening services of the day.

Oct. 19.—Read prayers, baptized an adult, preached and confirmed *two* persons in the same church.

Oct. 21.—Celebrated the rites of matrimony between S. M. Booker and O. P. Catron, of Nashville, Tenn.

Oct. 26.—Officiated at St. John's church, reading prayers and preaching morning and afternoon.

Nov. 2.—After the usual services, baptized an adult, preached, confirmed *one* person and administered the Lord's Supper in St. Peter's ch.

Dec. 24.—Joined in holy matrimony Dr. John and Mary Davidson, of the State of Mississippi.

Jan. 14, 1846.—At Nashville celebrated the rites of matrimony between Andrew J. Polk and Rebekah Vanleer.

Jan. 18.—At Clarksville after prayers by Rev. Mr. Crane, I preached morning, afternoon and at night in Trinity Church, and in the afternoon baptized an infant.

Jan. 19.—At night after prayers by Mr. Crane I again preached.

Jan. 22, 23, 24.—Preached successively for three days in Christ Church, Nashville, after morning and evening prayer by the Rector and on the afternoon of the third day, confirmed three persons.

Jan. 28.—Received Rev. John Sandels, a Presbyter, into this diocese upon letters dimissory from Bp. McIlvaine of Ohio, and Mr. John A. Harrison, a candidate for orders on like letters from Bp. Hawks of Mo.

March 1.—After prayers by Rev. Mr. Crane, I preached morning and afternoon in Trinity Church, Clarksville, and in the forenoon administered the holy communion. All the intervening period from this time up to Ascension day, May 21, was spent in visiting the churches in Mississippi. On that day I preached, after prayers by Rev. Mr. Alston, in Calvary Church, Memphis.

May 31.—Officiated again in Calvary Church, by preaching and confirming nine persons.

It is matter of deep regret that this beautiful and commodious church, before the completion of its tower and organ gallery, should be found to be in a ruinous and unsafe state in consequence of the giving way of its roof. I addressed the congregation when last with them, upon the necessity of making a vigorous effort to save the building, and trust they may be able to do so.

June 7.—In St. Peter's church, Columbia, after prayers by Rev. Mr. Sandels, I admitted Mr. John A. Harrison to the order of Deacons. The candidate was presented by Rev. F. G. Smith. The sermon was preached and the holy communion administered by myself.

June 22.—Left home this morning on a visitation of the churches in the Western District. In this journey I was kindly accompanied by the Rev. Messrs. Noble and Crane, the latter of whom has continued with me in my visits to all the congregations, and rendered me very great help by reading prayers and preaching. At La Grange we were obliged to

part with our companion in travel, Rev. Mr. Noble, in consequence of the failure of his horse. I record here my grateful sense of the kindness of these brethren, in journeying with me, and by whose assistance I have been enabled to accomplish an amount of service far beyond my reasonable hopes, during an uncommonly oppressive season.

June 25.—At Bolivar, prayers were said by Mr. Noble, and Mr. Crane preached.

June 26.—I set apart and consecrated, with the rites and solemnities prescribed, St. James' Church, Bolivar, to the worship of Almighty God. The letter of request was read by Maj. A. McNeil and the instrument of consecration by the Rev. Mr. Crane, who also said morning prayer and was assisted in the lessons by the Rev. Mr. Stephenson of La Grange. The sermon was preached by myself. The consummation of this work, the fruit of hard toil and of hope often deferred through long and weary years of endurance and self-denial, will, we trust, cheer the declining days of our venerable friend and brother the Rev. Dr. Stephens, under whose ministry this building was begun, and has at last happily reached its completion. May God "remember him for good," and may the people of his charge while yet blessed with his pious instructions and the light of his example, be inspired with the resolution of good King David and say "because of the house of the Lord our God, we will seek to do thee good!" This parish has for many years been aided by appropriations from the Dom: Com: of Missions. It is now time that the people should themselves take upon them the support of the ministry and institutions of the gospel for their own personal benefit and that of their children. And if they will do so in humble reliance upon the divine blessing they will probably soon find that all which they thus expend will be returned seven fold into their own bosoms.

In the afternoon, after prayers by Messrs. Noble and Crane, I addressed the congregation and confirmed *one* person. At night, prayers and sermon by Mr. Noble.

The next day, June 27.—We left Bolivar and arrived at Lagrange in time to meet an appointment in the Immanuel Church, at night. The Rev. Mr. Noble read prayers, and the Rev. Mr. Crane preached. This congregation, left vacant by the removal of the Rev. Mr. Litton to Louisiana, has been supplied by the Rev. James Stephenson, who has been received into this Diocese upon letters of transfer from Bishop Hopkins, of Vermont.

June 28.—This morning, after service by Messrs. Crane and Noble, I preached and administered the holy communion, of which the congregation have been deprived since the resignation of Mr. Litton. At night, prayers and a sermon were read by Mr. Noble. The following day was spent in St. Andrew's Parish, Mississippi, where after prayers by Mr. Crane, I baptized a child, preached, confirmed *one* person and administered the holy communion. The same evening, on my return to Lagrange,

after the usual services by Mr. Noble, I preached and confirmed one person.

July 1.—Reached Randolph to-day about 12 o'clock, and at 5 in the afternoon, after prayers by Rev. Mr. Crane, I baptized *four adults* and *four children*, and preached. At night, after prayers and sermon by Mr. Crane, I confirmed 12 persons and delivered an address:

July 2.—Mr. Crane read morning prayer, when I baptized *three adults* and *nine children*, preached and confirmed two persons.

July 3.—Arrived at Covington in time for morning prayer, by Rev. Mr. Crane, and a sermon by myself. On this occasion I baptized *one adult* and *one infant*. In the afternoon Mr. Crane read prayers and I addressed the congregation, explaining the views of the Church in reference to baptism and confirmation. At night, after prayers by Mr. Rogers, who had joined us previously at Randolph, Mr. Crane preached and I confirmed *five persons*. A very gratifying interest appears to have been awakened by the labors of Mr. Rogers at Randolph and Covington. The former field of labor has always yielded fruit abundantly to reward the toil of the spiritual husbandman, and the latter gives indications of rich promise for the time to come. The few friends of the church at Covington, with praiseworthy zeal and liberality, have purchased a commodious house of worship, which was built by the Baptists, have fitted it up conveniently for the accommodation of the congregation, and it now only lacks a chancel and a lectern or stand and a communion table to be ready for consecration.

July 4.—Came to Charleston where the members of St. Andrew's parish now meet for worship, since their church was burnt. Prayers were offered by Mr. Crane, *two adults* baptized, the congregation addressed upon baptism and confirmation, and *four persons* confirmed.

July 5.—A large congregation assembled early on this (Sunday) morning. Prayers were read by Mr. Rogers, when I baptized an adult and preached. Mr. Crane also addressed the congregation, after which I confirmed *one person*. The people of this parish have taken measures to erect a new church in a more central and convenient position than the former, and in the course of the year it will probably be ready for consecration. In the afternoon rode to Brownsville, 18 miles distant, and at night, after prayers by Mr. Crane, I preached.

July 6.—Morning prayer was said by Mr. Crane, when I baptized *four adults* and preached. At night, after prayers by Mr. Rogers, the Rev. Mr. Crane preached—I addressed the congregation and confirmed *seven persons*.

I have thus completed the detail of the services in which I have been engaged in the diocese since the adjournment of the last Convention. The review of the whole leads to the conclusion that the church is steadily advancing in every part of the State. All our parishes are regularly supplied by the ministrations of Clergymen, zealous in their work, and faithful, I am happy to think, in the discharge of their high and holy du-

ties. The Diocese has never presented so encouraging an aspect as at this time, and if we are but diligent in the improvement of our privileges and the gracious opportunities which God vouchsafes, our Zion will speedily "lengthen her cords and strengthen her stakes," and become a praise among those who have looked upon her with distrust and jealousy, if not hostility. All the clements and means of success are in our reach, if we will but be at the pains to use them. There are many stations which we ought to occupy because of their importance, and which we can with ease, if our Lay brethren will but provide for us the necessary means of a very moderate support. This I am sure can be easily effected if the trial shall only be made. If each family in the Church, or each member of every congregation in the Diocese will give a very small sum weekly, so that in the course of the year, it shall amount to the sum of *fifty cents*, for each communicant, it will put us in possession of an amount sufficient to sustain missionaries, at least, at three or four additional stations. The sum required from each member of our congregations is really so small, that it seems in the view of most persons too trifling to deserve attention, and hence it is neglected. I most earnestly entreat our brethren, both lay and clerical, through the members of this Convention, to consider what their duty calls them to do for their destitute brethren and for Christ in this case. I would also remind the whole diocese of the debt of obligation under which it has been laid by the past fostering care and aid of the General Missionary Board of the Church. I want words to express the sense of mortification which I have felt from year to year at seeing the small amounts reported as contributions from the diocese of Tennessee, to the missionary operations of the church. It is time that this reproach was wiped away; let us resolve one and all, and all together that it shall be. The only candidate for orders at present in the diocese is Mr. Wm. H. Burton, who will probably be ready in a few weeks for his final examination for deacon's orders.

The very interesting field of labor which divine providence appears to have assigned to us, taken in connection with the small number of ministers engaged with us in the work, imposes it upon us, as a solemn and bounden duty, to be earnest in prayer to the Great Head of the church, to raise up men among us for the work of the ministry, "to send forth laborers into his harvest." In such times as these, ministers and parents should bring fairly and frequently before the consideration of the pious young men of the church, the duty of consecrating themselves to the service of God in the ministry of his church. When those suitable in character for their piety and other qualifications can be found, all necessary provisions can be readily made for securing to them the opportunity of completing their literary and theological studies preparatory to ordination.

I report to the convention the continued successful operation of the system of education at the Columbia Female Institute—a seminary that has contributed very largely, in my opinion, to the cause of sound learn-

ing and pure religion since its establishment, some ten years ago. Hitherto, I have made no mention of this Institution in my addresses to the convention, nor should I name it now, as the convention has no control over it, except to express the deep regret, not to say mortification which I feel, that the church at large, after repeated applications, have refused to grant that assistance to relieve it from embarrassment which would have made it the property of this diocese. Only two or three thousand dollars are required for this purpose; a sum which any one of a dozen congregations which we could name in our large cities could give without inconvenience, but which they unitedly, when appealed to, have refused to give. We must therefore yield to stern necessity and give up the hope which has cheered us through years of toil of seeing this noble institution under the control of the church in this diocese. We shall be able to save the property from sale, but the day may come when others will get its management into their hands, who care nothing for the church or her principles.

The clerical changes I have to report are the following: the Rev. Saml. Geo. Litton, Rector of Immanuel church, La Grange, has been transferred upon letters dimissory to the diocese of Louisiana. This much loved brother who had labored so long and so acceptably among us was obliged, by a regard to his health, to seek a more southern climate. I am sure that it will be cause of sincere rejoicing to every one in this body to know that the cherished expectations of our Rev. Bro. and his family in reference to the restoration of his health have been fully realized. His health has been re-established, and he is once more successfully engaged in the duties of that holy profession in which he ever delighted. The place of Mr. Litton at La Grange has been supplied by the Rev. James Stephenson, received into this diocese upon letters of transfer from Vermont.

The Rev. James W. Rogers, since his ordination to the Diaconate, has been officiating and with gratifying success at Randolph, Covington, and in the parish of St. Andrews.

The Rev. Samuel Sherwell, transferred to this diocese by letters from Bp. Kemper, has been serving very acceptably the congregation of St. Paul's ch., Franklin, for the last twelve months.

The Rev. Jno. A. Harrison, lately ordained, by me a Deacon, has taken charge of St. John's ch., Ashwood.

That God may guide in your present work with the spirit of wisdom and understanding, so that all things may be done to his honor and glory and the good of his church and people, is the humble and fervent prayer of your faithful friend and affectionate

Pastor,

JAS. H. OTEY.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, NASHVILLE.

The Rector reports to the Bishop of the Diocese the following statement from the register of his parish:

Families,		57
Marriages,		7
Funerals,		28
Baptisms—4 Adults, 69 Infants,		73
Confirmations,		3
Communicants,	Suspended 2 Removed, 9 Deceased, 7 Added past year, 22	}
	Present No. 123	
Sunday School—12 Teachers,		80
Church Offerings,	\$328 82	
Domestic Missions,	143 60	
Pension Fund,	31 80	
Contingent Expenses of Con.,	20 00	
Total,	<hr/> \$524 22	

J. T. WHEAT, *Rector.*

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, COLUMBIA.

The undersigned, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Columbia, reports that he has officiated by reading prayers and preaching every Sunday, and on most of the holy days since the last convention, except when absent on the performance of duties connected with the Episcopate. He is gratified to think that the following statistics will exhibit the congregation in an improving condition.

Families,		14
Marriages,		5
Baptisms,	Adults, 4 Infants, 8	}
	Former No. 29	12
Communicants,	Added, 23 Withdrawn, 1 Removed, 9	42
Monthly Contributions,		\$82 50
Contingent fund of Convention,		\$10
Monthly contributions for the support of diocesan Missions, about		\$75
Contributions to general fund to Dom. Miss.,		33 55
Do to Episcopate,		\$100 00
Do for distribution of Bible in Maury and adjacent counties,		\$16 00

JAS. H. OTEY.

REPORT OF SAM'L. SHERWELL, MISSIONARY AT
FRANKLIN,

To THE RT. REV. DR. OTEY, BISHOP OF TENNESSEE:

Since I was appointed to this station in July last, I have celebrated divine service, and preached (except that on two or three occasions I have been prevented by illness) twice on every Sunday, and once on the principal holy days. I cannot report any material change in the state of the congregation, except a manifest improvement in the number of persons who take an interest, and join, in the services of the Church. There are in the place large and influential religious societies, who entertain and disseminate the strongest prejudices against the Church; still we have encouragement to hope that, by the blessing of God on the patient diligence of His ministry, the Church may be well established here.

Present number of Communicants,	10
Number of families attending divine worship,	16
Baptisms during the year—Infants,	7
Marriages,	2
Funerals,	3

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN, July 4th, 1846. SAM'L. SHERWELL.

TRINITY CHURCH, CLARKSVILLE.

The Rector of Trinity Church, Clarksville, respectfully reports to the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, the following statement from his parish register:

Baptized—Adults 2, Children 11,	13
Confirmed, (there are now several candidates for this rite.)	2
Communicants, { Added, 7 } Present No.	35
{ Removed, 2 }	
{ Died, 2 }	
Funerals,	5
Contributed, { Weekly offerings appropriated to the support of the Episcopate,	\$83 68
Domestic Missions,	15 00
Pension Fund,	9
Contingent Fund,	10

WM. C. CRANE.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, LA GRANGE.

The following report presents the state of this Church since the beginning of last March, when the undersigned took charge of the congregation:

Communicants,	28
Baptism, (Infant,)	1
Confirmation,	1
Marriages,	2
Funerals,	4
Sunday School Teachers, 4—Scholars, about	20
Contributions for the support of the Episcopate,	\$51 50
Contributions for Dom. Missions,	10

All which is respectfully submitted.
June 8, 1846. JAMES STEPHENSON.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSON.

The undersigned respectfully presents to the Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, the following statement from the parish register:

Families.	20
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Marriages,	3
Funerals,	3
Baptisms—Infants 4, Adults 1,	5
Communicants—Former number 20, added 1,	21
Sunday School—Scholars 34, Teachers—Male 2, Female 7,	
Assessment for Episcopate,	\$50
Contingent Fund,	\$5

During the past year every effort has been made to finish the Church in order for its consecration at the present convention, but the bills coming in more heavily than supposed, and the burden of their liquidation falling upon a few, prudence required that its entire completion should be arrested till the debt now due of \$600 should be paid off. The zeal of the parish thus far has given the most convincing demonstration of attachment to the cause of God in the advancement of his Church. It is hoped that God's blessing may so rest upon these efforts that by an increase of numbers the future claims upon the liberality of the few who have so generously given may be considerably lightened. The Rector begs leave to state that by the exertions of one of its members the sum of \$200 has thus far been raised towards the purchase of an Organ.

L. JANSEN, *Rector.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, RANDOLPH.

The Missionary to Tipton county respectfully reports to the Bishop the following statement from his parochial registers:

Baptisms—Adults—White 10, Colored 7—Total,	17
Infants—White 19, Colored 7—Total,	26
Funerals,	2
Confirmations,	14
Communicants—Added 8, present No.	38

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, COVINGTON.

This parish has been organized within the past year.

Baptisms—Adults, (white),	5
Infants—White 13, Colored 3—Total,	16
Confirmations,	5
Communicants—Added 5, present No.	5

A church for this parish is nearly ready for consecration.

TRINITY CHURCH, TIPTON CO.

This is also a newly organized parish.

Baptisms—Adults (white) 3, Infant (white) 1.	
Confirmations,	5
Communicants—Added 3, present No.	6

A church for this parish is now in progress of erection.

June 8, 1846. J. W. ROGERS.

ZION CHURCH, BROWNSVILLE.

Families,	10
Marriages,	1
Funerals,	4
Baptisms.—Adults 4—Infants 1,	5
Communicants, { Former 20 }	23
 { Added 3 }	
Confirmations,	7

In presenting the report of this Parish the Rector wishes to state, that the Communicants include those of the family of Dr. Oldham and others in his neighborhood, by whose aid it is that the parish is at all able to sustain the ministry—their liberality extends as far as their means—they have no Church of their own in which to worship, and are too feeble to erect one at present. The Rector has been encouraged by the late increase of its numbers, for though it increases not its temporal means it does strengthen the belief that in things which are spiritual better days are dawning.

L. JANSEN, *Rector.*

CALVARY CHURCH, MEMPHIS.

The Rector reports to the Bishop the following statement:

Baptised—Adults 6, Children 37,	43								
Confirmed,	17								
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The roof of the church having shown signs of instability, was examined in October last, and pronounced unsafe. Present security was provided for, by a temporary expedient—but the condition of the building continues a serious impediment to the further progress of the church.

P. W. ALSTON, *Rector.*

ST. JAMES' PARISH, BOLIVAR,

The Rector of St. James' Parish reports:—During the last conventional year, he has been frequently indisposed, and sometimes quite severely, often preaching when he was very feeble. He is in his 70th year, which is a considerable age for this sickly climate.

The prospects of the parish seem to be advancing gradually. On the 26th of June last, Bishop Otey, accompanied by three of his clergy, consecrated our church edifice to the worship of Almighty God. The ceremony was imposing, and gratifying to the congregation, and particularly so to me, as having lived long enough to see it consummated.

Baptisms, (one by the Bishop)	5
Confirmations,	1
Communicants, (2 added)	13
Administered the communion,	5 times.
Preached, number of times,	47
Marriages,	1
Funerals,	5
Monies collected for the Gen. Missionary Society,	\$25 .
" " for Diocesan Missions,	7
" " for Bishop Otey's salary.	35
" " for contingent expenses,	10

My own subscription, as a member of our Domestic Society,
in arrears for three years past, 6

\$83

All of which is respectfully submitted by
DANIEL STEPHENS.

Bolivar, July 4th, 1846.

WILLIAMSPORT, MAURY COUNTY TENNESSEE,

SATURDAY, June 20, 1846.

Report of the Rev. John Noble, Missionary at Williamsport, to the Annual Convention of the church, held in Jackson, Wednesday, July 8th, 1846.

Since my last report to the convention, I have held services seventy-five times in the church of St. Marks at Williamsport, also at Centre-ville. No. of Baptisms twelve; Funerals three; Marriages four. Present number of communicants eight.

The church is generally well attended, and the attendants are respectful and attentive, we have lost two communicants since last report, one by death, one by removal.

I have little to add, except that our doctrine and worship receive much more consideration here than they formerly did, and that the prospect of our church is growing in this place, and is now more flattering and encouraging than it has been at any previous period within my knowledge.

With respect, your faithful and obedient servant,
JOHN NOBLE.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, KNOXVILLE,

The Rev. Charles Tomes, Rector of St. John's Church, Knoxville, and the Rev. Thomas W. Humes, officiating at Knoxville, jointly report to the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, as follows:

Baptised since the last annual report—	Adults 3, Infants 8—	Total 11
Confirmed “	“	23
Communicants,	{ Number at last report, 21 Added since, 18 Removed since, 2	{ Present No 37
Burials,		3
Sunday School—Teachers,		9
Children,		40
Church offerings have amounted to \$176 50, and have been appropriated as follows:		
Fund for aged and infirm Clergymen,		13
Episcopate fund,		7 85
Diocesan Missionary Society,		10
General Board Domestic Missions,		5
New York Tract Society,		5
Deaf and Dumb Asylum of the State,		10
Distribution of Bibles in East Tennessee,		10
Assessment for support of Episcopate,		50
Contingent expenses of Convention,		5
In compliance with Canon 25th, 1832, of General Con.,		30
To defray expenses of Chapel, Sunday School, &c.,		30 65
		<u>\$176 50</u>

The church building, it is expected, will be ready for consecration during the autumn of the present year.

CHARLES TOMES,
THOMAS W. HUMES.

It is with much regret that I have not been able during the year past to perform the services of the church at Athens with that frequency which may have been looked for by the Bishop. My time has been so much occupied in my regular parochial duties at Knoxville, and in overseeing the building of our church edifice, that but very little attention has been paid to the several other places in East Tennessee, where some interest in the church has been exhibited. Had it not been for the constant aid which has been rendered me as Rector of St. John's Church, Knoxville, by my Rev. brother Mr. Humes, I should not have been able to present so encouraging a report as the one herewith; nor could I have performed any services out of my parish. I have, however, to report that I have several times officiated at Athens and other places in the neighborhood; and at the house of A. R. Humes I have baptised 1 Adult, 1 Infant—at the same place the Bishop has confirmed 2 persons, and at Tellico Iron Works, I have baptised 1 Infant *in extremis*.

July 10, 1846.

CHARLES TOMES.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MAURY COUNTY.

The undersigned entered upon his duties as Rector of this church on 21st June. He has held services at this place every Sunday since that time. He has married 1 couple, baptised 1 adult and 43 infants, of whom 42 were colored. Two Sunday Schools have been organized—one for white children, meeting on the morning of each Lord's Day, and numbering, at present, about 12—another in the afternoon, for colored persons, numbering about 70, on the same day.

It is humbly hoped that much good may be done in this small but interesting parish.

Present number of Communicants, 33
JOHN A. HARRISON, Deacon.

REV. J. SANDELS

Reports that his time since he came into the diocese, on the 1st of January last has been occupied chiefly in giving instruction in Mercer Hall, and the Columbia Female Institute. He has preached occasionally in Columbia and administered the communion on the first Sunday of every month during the absence of the Bp. At St. John's Church, Maury co., he held a few services, administered the communion once, officiated at one marriage of colored persons, and baptised one adult.

June 8, 1846.

TO THE RT. REV. DR. OTTY:

The undersigned, Rector of the Columbia Female Institute, respectfully reports:

That his exercise of the ministry during the past ecclesiastical year has been unfrequent. He has officiated at St. Peter's Church, Columbia, on some few occasions during the absence of the Bishop, while he has constantly discharged the duties of Chaplain to the Institute.

In the months of November and December last, the undersigned visited

many of the churches in the Northern and Middle States, on behalf of the pecuniary embarrassment of our Institute. He records in this public manner his lively sense of gratitude to a large number of the clerical and lay brethren in the older dioceses, by whom the cause he advocated was most kindly and favorably regarded. The contributions made for our relief are most gratefully acknowledged, with the prayer that our liberal-minded friends may experience the full measure of the blessedness of giving rather than receiving.

The Female Institute is gradually assuming the position intended for it from the beginning. Whether regard be had to the number of our Professors and Tutoresses, or to the qualifications and attainments which they have brought with them, our Institute is now second to no female Seminary in the United States. The zeal and fidelity devoted to the management of the school have been richly rewarded in the moral as well as intellectual advancement of our pupils. The marked attention given to religious duties, and on Sundays to religious instruction, has not been without manifest benefit to our interesting charge, encouraging us to labor still more earnestly for the culture of the christian graces as the highest ornament of the female character.

F. G. SMITH.

Female Institute, Columbia, Tenn., }
June 20, 1846. }

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

June 29, '45.—Consent was given to the consecration of the Rev. Alonzo Potter, D. D., to the Episcopate of Pennsylvania. James Webb Rogers was also recommended to the Bishop for Deacon's orders.

May 31, '46.—Jno. A. Harrison was recommended to the Bishop for Deacon's orders.

June 21, '46.—The Rev. James W. Rogers, Deacon, was recommended to the Bishop for Priest's orders.

June 28, '46.—The Rev. James Stephenson, Deacon, was recommended to the Bishop for Priest's orders, and Wm. H. Burton for Deacon's orders.

J. T. WHEAT, *President.*

Missionary and Education Committee in account with J. Shelby, Treasurer.

1845.	DR.	
July 15—To amount paid Rev. Mr. Sherwell,		\$50 00
1845.	CR.	
May 10—By amount of collection and subscription		
at Clarksville,		\$83 55
Balance received of late Treasurer,		15 62½
Dr. and Mrs. Oldham,		8 00
St. John's, Knoxville,		5 00

		112 17½
		50 00
Balance in hand,		\$63 17½

Pension Fund in account with J. Shelby, Treasurer.

1845.	DR.	
May—To amount received at Clarksville,		\$12 21
1846.	CR.	
By amount paid M. Watson, Treasurer as per voucher,		\$12 21

Contingent Fund, in account with J. Shelby, Treasurer.

1845.	DR.	
June 17—To amount paid for printing per Secretary's order, to Cameron & Fall,		\$63 00
Quota to General Convention, advanced by Sec'y.,		\$10 00
Balance on hand,		3 65
1845.	CR.	
May—By the following sums received at Convention:		
Balance in hands of the Secretary,		\$1 65
St. Luke's, Jackson,		5 00
St. Peter's, Columbia,		10 00
St. James', Bolivar,		5 00
St. John's, Knoxville,		5 00
Trinity, Clarksville,		10 00
Calvary, Memphis,		15 00
Amount from J. H. Thomas, former Treasurer, in full,		5 00
By amount of Christ Church, Nashville,		20 00
J. SHELBY, Treasurer.		

Episcopal Assessment Fund in account with J. Shelby, Treasurer.

1845.	DR.	
May 7—To amount received by Bishop,		\$58 50
“ 9—To do do do.,		40 00
“ 10—To do draft on Trezvant,		210 00
“ 12—To cash,		30 00
July 15—To am't. received by Bishop, of St. John's, Ashwood,		60 00
		398 50
1845.	CR.	
May 7—By amount received from Immanuel, La Grange,		\$50 50
“ 9—St. John's, Knoxville,		40 00
“ 12—Trinity, Clarksville,		30 00
“ 12—Calvary, Memphis, draft,		210 00
July 15—St. John's, Ashwood, paid Bishop,		60 00
		398 50

The undersigned Treasurer of the Pension Fund, reports that he has received the following sums:

Collected at Christ Church, Nashville, 25th December, 1843,		\$44 25
do do do 25th do 1844,		39 20
do do do 25th do 1845,		31 80
Received from Dr. Shelby collected at Knoxville,		12 21
Trinity, Clarksville,		9 00
Immanuel, La Grange,		12 00
		\$148 46

M. WATSON, Treasurer Pension Fund.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS TO THE DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

1. OF THE CLERGY:	Pd. 1846.			
Rt. Rev. James Hervey Otey,		" Mary H. Gloster,	\$2 00	
D. D.,	\$2 00	" Mary Wright,	2 00	
" J. T. Wheat, D. D.,	2 00	(Former Subscribers:)		
" John Sandels,	2 00	Mrs. Mary Potts,	2 00	
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" P. W. Alston,	2 00	Mrs. Sarah Cotton,		
" Louis Jansen,	2 00	T. R. Polk,		
		G. J. Cossitt,		
		J. J. Potts,		
		T. G. Anderson,		
NASHVILLE:		2 00		
John Shelby, M. D.,		Mrs. T. G. Anderson,		
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" L. Brown,				
" L. Steele,				
" Ann Lynch,				
" S. Cage,				
D. Craighead,				
J. Craighead,				
F. B. Fogg,				
F. B. Fogg, Jr.,				
Mrs. F. B. Fogg,				
" P. Kirk,				
FRANKLIN:				
(None reported:)				
COLUMBIA:				
Donald MacLeod,	\$2 00			
Mrs. MacLeod,	2 00			
(Former Subscribers:)				
Wm. J. Polk, M. D.,				
Mrs. Wormley,				
Edmund Frierson,				
James M. Walker,				
CLARKSVILLE:				
Miss Mary Ward,	\$2 00			
J. O. Shackleford,	2 00			
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Dr. Thomas J. Donoho,				
John P. Wendel,				
Mrs. Marion Barker,				
Coleman Williams,				
Mrs. C. Williams.				
LA GRANGE:				
John Anderson,	\$2 00			
Mrs. J. Anderson,	2 00			

Robert H. Oldham,
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James Rose,
Mrs. J. Rose,
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S. P. Walker.
Mrs. Walker,
Capt. J. Booth,

2 00	Mrs. Booth,	
2 00	Col. Pope,	
2 00	Dr. E. T. Rose,	
	Mary Shanks,	
	John K. Chester,	
	Mrs. Julia Chester,	
	Edmund Bray,	
\$2 00	Mrs. Sewell,	
2 00	Thos. J. Kean.	
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2 00	BOLIVAR:	
4 00	Mrs. S. A. Miller,	\$2 00
2 00	" Peters,	2 00
2 00	Miss A. E. Fitzhugh,	2 00
	Daniel M. Stephens,	2 00
	Gen. Calvin Jones,	2 00
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	WILLIAMSPORT:	
	<i>(None reported.)</i>	
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	KNOXVILLE:	
	Cont. fr "Church Offerings,"	\$10 00
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	St. JOHN'S, ASHWOOD:	
	Contribution,	5 00
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	TRINITY CHURCH, TIPTON Co:	
	Mrs. Mary G. Taylor,	\$2 00
	Samuel T. Taylor,	2 00
	Geo. T. Taylor,	2 00

CANON V.

(Of 1843, as amended 1846.)

SECTION 1. The Parish Register required by Canon 29, of the General Convention of 1832, shall specify the name and the time of the birth of the child baptized, with the names of the parents and sponsors: the names of the adults baptized and of the witnesses: the names of the parties married, and of two or more special witnesses of the same and the place where the marriage was solemnized: the names of the persons buried and also the time in which each rite was performed. It shall also contain the names of persons confirmed and a list of the communicants. These Registers shall be kept by the minister in a suitable book to be provided by the vestry, which book shall be the Parish Register and shall be preserved by the vestry as a part of the records of the church.

SEC. 2. Every minister of this diocese shall, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, present or send to the Bishop—or if there be no Bishop, to the President of the Convention—a statement of the number baptized and confirmed, since the last annual Convention, the number of those who partake of the Lord's Supper, specifying the additions or removals that may have taken place; and the number of marriages and funerals: He shall also report the number of pupils and teachers connected with Sunday-School instruction in the parish, and the amount of the "Offerings of the Church;" stating the objects to which

such offerings are appropriated, and what has been done in compliance with the requisitions of the Convention. The parochial report may also present concisely any other matters of fact which show the state of the parish.

SEC. 3. In every case where a parish is destitute of a minister, the Register contemplated in this canon, shall be kept by some person appointed by the vestry for that purpose.

CANON I. OF 1846.

Of the Pension Fund.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of every Clergyman having charge of a parish in this diocese, and of the Wardens where there is no Clergymen, to make a collection, annually, at Christmas, for this pension fund, and generally to command it to the patronage of Churchmen.

SEC. 2. All moneys so collected shall be given in charge to a Board of Trustees, consisting of two clergymen and two laymen, to be chosen by the Convention, and of which the Bishop shall be, ex officio, President, or if there be no Bishop, the President of the Standing Committee. This Board shall exercise a sound discretion in the frugal appropriation of pensions, and report annually to the Convention. The Board shall appoint one of its own members to the office of Treasurer, to whom all contributions shall be forwarded without delay.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with a form of prayer.
2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.
3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the House, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.
4. Every member speaking in debate shall rise from his seat, and, without advancing, shall respectfully address the President, confining his observations strictly to the point in debate.
5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without permission from the President.
6. A question being once determined, shall not again be brought before the house, unless on a motion for reconsideration made by one of the majority.
7. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded; and reduced to writing, when required.
8. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken immediately, and without debate.

LIST OF COMMITTEES, &c.

Standing Committee.

**Rev. J. T. Wheat, D. D. Pres., Rev. Wm. C. Crane, F. B. Fogg and
John Shelby, M. D.**

Delegates to General Convention.

Of the clergy, P. W. Alston, W. C. Crane, Thos. W. Humes, J. T.
Wheat, D. D.; of the laity, F. B. Fogg, W. H. Stephens, T. W.
Frazier and Dr. Samuel Oldham.

Missionary and Education.

Rev. Messrs. Harrison and Wheat, L. J. Polk and Wm. J. Polk, M., D.

Book Depository.

Rev. Messrs. Alston and Wheat, Jno. Shelby and M. Watson.

Episcopate Fund.

F. B. Fogg and Thomas Maney.

Pension Fund.

Rev. Messrs. Crane and Wheat, John Shelby, M. D., and M. Watson.

Trustees of General Theological Seminary.

Rev. Mr. Sandels and F. B. Fogg,

Treasurer.

Edward Shegog, of Columbia.

Secretary.

Rev. J. T. Wheat D. D., of Nashville.



NOTICE
TO RECTORS OF PARISHES:
CANONICAL REQUIREMENTS.

IV Canon. To attend the Convention.
V " To report to the Bishop from Parish Register, "on or before the first day of the Convention."
X " To recommend "Weekly Church offerings."
XIV " To take up a collection at Easter for the permanent Episcopate Fund.
I Canon of 1846. To take up a collection at Christmas for the Pension Fund.
The next Convention will meet at Columbia, on the third Wednesday in May, 1847.

J. T. WHEAT, *Secretary.*

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OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE

DIOCESE OF TENNESSEE,

HELD IN ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, COLUMBIA.

On the 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th June, 1847.

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LIST OF CLERGYMEN

Entitled to Seats in the 19th Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Tennessee.

1.	Rt. REV. JAMES HERVEY OTEY, D. D., DIOCESAN	<i>Rector of St. Peter's Church, Columbia.</i>
2.	REV. P. W. ALSTON, [†]	<i>Rector of Calvary Church, Memphis.</i>
3.	W.M. C. CRANE,	" " <i>Trinity</i> " <i>Clarksville.</i>
4.	W.M. FAGG,*	" " <i>Immanuel</i> " <i>Lagrange.</i>
5.	THOS. W. HUMES,	<i>Rector of St. John's Church, Knoxville.</i>
6.	LEWIS JANSEN,*	" " <i>St. Luke's</i> " <i>Jackson.</i>
7.	JOHN NOBLE,	" " <i>St. Mark's</i> " <i>Williamsport.</i>
8.	JAS. W. ROGERS,	" " <i>St. Paul's</i> " <i>Randolph.</i>
9.	F. G. SMITH,	" " <i>Columbia, Tenn. Institute.</i>
10.	D'L. STEPHENS, D. D.,*	" " <i>St. James' Church, Bolivar.</i>
11.	J. T. WHEAT, D. D.,	" " <i>Christ</i> " <i>Nashville.</i>
12.	JNO. A. HARRISON,	<i>Deacon, St. John's, Ashwood.</i>
13.	W.M. H. BURTON,	<i>Missionary at Sommerville.</i>

Clergymen belonging to the Diocese not entitled to seats in the Convention.

14.	REV. CHAS. TOMES, in New York.
15.	" THOS. WEST.
16.	" SAM'L. SHERWELL, Deacon.

LIST OF PARISHES AND DELEGATES.

1.	<i>Christ Church, Nashville,</i>	{ John Shelby, M. D. Francis B. Fogg: John Baird.
2.	<i>St. Peter's, Columbia,</i>	{ Wm. J. Polk, M. D. Jas. Walker. Donald MacLeod. (None reported.)
3.	<i>St. Paul's, Franklin,</i>	{ Coleman Williams. *Wm. R. Bringhurst.
4.	<i>Trinity, Clarksville,</i>	{ J. G. Hornberger. (None reported.)
5.	<i>Immanuel, Lagrange,</i>	{ *Jas. Caruthers. *Jno. Read.
6.	<i>St. Luke's, Jackson,</i>	{ Wm. H. Stephens. (None reported.)
7.	<i>St. Paul's, Randolph,</i>	{ *Wm. E. Rogers. (None reported.)
8.	<i>Zion, Brownsville,</i>	{ " " "
9.	<i>Calvary, Memphis,</i>	{ •Wm. B. Reese. •Hugh L. Tinley.
10.	<i>St. James', Bolivar,</i>	{ Wm. L. White. (None reported.)
11.	<i>St. Mark's, Williamsport,</i>	{ Lucius J. Polk. Geo. W. Polk.
12.	<i>St. John's, Knoxville,</i>	{ Wm. McClinchy.
13.	<i>Trinity, Tipton,</i>	
14.	<i>St. John's, Ashwood,</i>	

*Not present at the Convention.

†Died at the Convention.

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THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Tennessee, met in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, on the 16th of June, 1847, being the time to which the meeting of the Convention had been postponed, by the Bishop, from the third Wednesday in May, the day fixed by the last Convention.

The RT. REV. JAMES HERVEY OTEY, D. D., Diocesan and *ex officio* President of the Convention, having opened the meeting by prayer, caused to be read the list of clergymen entitled to seats; of whom there were present:

Rev. Thos. W. Humes, Rector of St. John's Church, Knoxville.

" John A. Harrison, Minister of St. John's Church, Ashwood.

The certificates of Lay-delegates were read, and it appeared that the following delegates were present:

From <i>Trinity Church, Clarksville,</i>	J. G. Hornberger.
" <i>St. John's " Knoxville,</i>	Wm. L. White.
" <i>St. Luke's " Jackson,</i>	Wm. H. Stephens.
" <i>St. Peter's " Columbia,</i>	{ Dr. Wm. J. Polk. Jas. Walker. Donald MacLeod.

The Rev. J. T. Wheat, D. D., was unanimously re-elected Secretary. In the absence of Dr. Wheat, Donald MacLeod was appointed Secretary *ad interim.*

The Rev. Mr. Harrison presented the articles of association for the Parish of St. John's, Ashwood, which were referred to the Rev. Mr. Humes, and Mr. Wm. H. Stephens.

The committee having made a favorable report, the Parish was admitted into connection with the Church in this Diocese, and the following delegates, having presented proper credentials, were admitted to seats in this Convention.

From *St. James', Ashwood,* { Lucius J. Polk.
Wm. McClinchy.

And the Convention then adjourned to attend Divine worship, and to meet again to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M.

THURSDAY, 17th.

The Convention met according to adjournment. Present, of the Clergy:

Rev. Wm. C. Crane, Rector of *Trinity Church, Clarksville.*
 " Thos. W. Humes, " *St. John's, " Knoxville.*
 " Jno. Thos. Wheat, D. D., " *Christ " Nashville.*
 " Jno. Alex. Harrison, Minister, *St. John's " Ashwood.*
 " Wm. H. Burton, Missionary at *Sommerville:*

And of the Laity:

From <i>Christ Church, Nashville,</i>	Jno. Baird.
" <i>St. Peter's</i> " <i>Columbia,</i>	Wm. J. Polk, M. D. James Walker. Donald MacLeod.
" <i>Trinity</i> " <i>Clarksville,</i>	J. G. Hornberger.
" <i>St. Luke's</i> " <i>Jackson,</i>	Wm. H. Stephens.
" <i>St. John's</i> " <i>Knoxville,</i>	Wm. L. White.
" <i>St. John's</i> " <i>Ashwood,</i>	Lucius J. Polk. Geo. W. Polk. Wm. McClinchy.

The Minutes of Wednesday were read and approved.

The Rev. Messrs. Crane and Humes were appointed a committee to examine the certificates of Lay Delegates, and reported:

From *Christ Church, Nashville,*

John Shelby, M. D. Francis B. Fogg. John Baird.
Coleman Williams. Wm. R. Bringhurst. J. G. Hornberger.
Jas. Caruthers. Jno. Read. Wm. H. Stephens.
Wm. B. Reese. Hugh L. Tinley. Wm. L. White.
Lucius J. Polk. Geo. W. Polk. Wm. McClinchy.

" *Trinity* " *Clarksville,*

" *St. Luke's* " *Jackson,*

" *St. John's* " *Knoxville,*

" *St. John's* " *Ashwood,*

The "Rules of Order" of the last Convention were adopted for the government of this.

Rev. Dr. Wheat submitted the following preamble and resolutions, which being seconded by Rev. Mr. Crane, who pronounced a beautiful and well merited eulogium upon the religious character and services of his late parishioner, were unanimously adopted.

Whereas, it hath pleased Almighty God, in His wise providence, to remove from the communion of His church militant on earth, as we humbly trust, to the rewards of the good and faithful servant of the church in paradise,

MR. THOS. W. FRAZER,

who for many years has most zealously devoted his time, labor and substance to the Diocese at large, as well as his own parish:

Therefore resolved, That this Convention observe with the fraternal sensibility of christian affection, the absence from his accustomed seat, of one of the most venerable and efficient of their number.

Resolved, That this act of God towards us, brings the solemn obligation to every member of our communion to consider the shortness and uncertainty of our probation in this life, and the duty of increased activity in every good work, while it is called to-day.

The Convention then adjourned till nine o'clock on Friday morning.

FRIDAY, 18th.

The Convention met according to adjournment.

Besides those present on Thursday, Dr. Shelby, of Nashville, and Mr. Williams, of Clarksville, appeared and took thir seats.

After the usual order of opening, the President announced, with the deepest emotion, the sudden death, at this place, of the Rev. Mr. Alston, Rector of Calvary Church, Memphis, and a member of this Convention. *Whereupon*, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Wheat, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted, and the Convention immediately adjourned.

Whereas, The proceedings of this body have been peremptorily interrupted by the sudden death of a distinguished and important member,

THE REV. PHILIP WM. ALSTON,

Rector of Calvary Church, Memphis; and *whereas*, in this event, the diocese has lost a most able and successful supporter of the peculiar and distinctive claims of the church, in the pulpit and from the press, "banishing and driving away all erroneous and strange doctrines, contrary to God's word;" while with a truly catholic spirit, he as diligently "maintained and set forward quietness, peace and love among all christian people."

The journals of our communion have lost a most accomplished and admired contributor, and the rising sons of the church at large, one of the most promising of their number—

His immediate parishioners have lost their eloquent and instructive preacher, their wise counsellor, their faithful pastor, their admirable model of sound churchmanship—

His relations have lost the fondly cherished ornament and hope of their name and family—

His honored wife and only child have lost their charming companion and provident head—

Our Bishop has lost his dutiful son, in the Gospel, and his clergy, a faithful and well beloved brother—

Wherefore resolved, That with this unexpected and severe chastisement, we stand in awe of God, humbly confessing our sins and earnestly imploring the promised aid of the Holy Ghost, the comforter.

Resolved, That while we weep and lament this sad bereavement, we acknowledge our sadder need of the awful warning to instant watchfulness, more active zeal, and all fidelity in our respective spheres of duty to the church.

Resolved, That in cordial sympathy with the bereaved family and parish of the deceased, as sharers of their sacred sorrow, and from a personal appropriation of his endearing virtues, we will also wear the usual badges of mourning.

Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Crane and Mr. Wm. Steele be requested to take in charge the body of the deceased, and convey it to his friends at Randolph, and that after the proper services at the church, the members of this Convention will accompany it in procession beyond the limits of the town.

Resolved, That this record be entered upon the journal, communicated to the family of the deceased, and published in our church periodicals.

SATURDAY, 19th.

The Minutes were approved.

The report of the "Standing Committee" was read and ordered to be entered on the journal. (See Appendix.)

The following named delegates to the General Convention were chosen by ballot.

Of the clergy, Rev. J. T. Wheat, D. D.	Rev. Wm. C. Crane,
" Thos. W. Humes,	" James W. Rogers.

Of the laity, Francis B. Fogg.	Dr. Samuel Oldham,
Lucius J. Polk,	Wm. H. Stephens.

By unanimous consent, balloting in the other elections was dispensed with, and they resulted as follows:

Standing Committee:

Of the clergy, Rev. J. T. Wheat, D. D.	Rev. Wm. C. Crane.
" " laity John Shelby, M. D.	F. B. Fogg.

Trustees of General Theological Seminary:

Rev. Dr. Wheat, and F. B. Fogg.

Committee on Book Depository:

Rev. Dr. Wheat.	Jno. Shelby, M. D.
" Wm. C. Crane.	M. Watson.

Missionary and Education Committee:

Rev. Dr. Wheat,	Dr. Wm. J. Polk,
" Jno. A. Harrison,	L. J. Polk.

Pension Fund:

Rev. Dr. Wheat,	Dr. Shelby.
" Wm. C. Crane,	M. Watson.

Episcopate Fund:

F. B. Fogg,	T. Maney.
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The Treasurer's report, audited by Messrs. Baird and MacLeod, was accepted and ordered to be entered upon the journal. (See Appendix.)

Mr. Sheegog was re-elected Treasurer.

The following Committee on Assessment, *viz.*:

Messrs. Fogg, Walker, Hornberger, Stephens, Rogers, White and McClinchy, reported a schedule, (see appendix,) which was approved and the following resolution adopted:

That whatever balance of the Contingent Fund may be left in the hands of the Treasurer, after having paid the expenses of the Convention, be applied to the support of the Episcopate.

The Bishop reported orally, that no appropriations had been made by the Missionary and Education Committee during the past year.

The Parochial Reports were then read and ordered on the journal. (See Appendix.)

The Bishop then read his Annual Address, (see Appendix,) and upon motion, the vacancy in the Board of Trustees of the Columbia Female Institute, of which the Bishop gave notice, was by nomination of the Bishop and Convention, proposed to be filled by Geo. W. Polk: of which the Secretary was instructed to give due notice.

The time and place for the meeting of the next annual Convention were fixed for the third Thursday in July, 1848, in St. John's Church, Knoxville.

Three hundred and fifty copies of the journal were ordered to be printed and distributed in the usual manner, and the Treasurer was instructed to pay the Secretary's order for the same; as also twelve dollars being the quota of this diocese to the General Convention.

Resolved unanimously, That this Convention make grateful acknowledgments for the kind hospitalities of their friends in Columbia, and that this expression of thanks be communicated through the Rector of St. Peter's Church.

After singing the 27th Hymn, the Convention adjourned *sine die.*

JAMES H. OTEY, *President.*

J. T. WHEAT, *Secretary.*

[The public services of the church during the sitting of the Convention were rendered peculiarly solemn and impressive, as well by the recent affliction of the Bishop in the death of a lovely daughter, just entering into womanhood, as by the more startling event of Mr. Alston's sudden death, upon the second day of its sitting.

Twelve adults were baptized and forty-four confirmed, being principally the pupils of the Bishop's school, and of the Female Institute—an ingathering unparalleled in the history of our diocese, and a cheering evidence of the great good done for the church by those nurseries of early piety.

On Sunday, 20th June, being the third after Trinity, the Bishop ordained to the Diaconate, Mr. Ambrose B. Russell and Mr. —— Fontaine, of the diocese of Mississippi. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Mr. Rogers. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Wheat, Rector of Christ Church, Nashville, who also presented the candidates and assisted the Bishop in the administration of the Holy Communion.]

APPENDIX.

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND OF THE LAITY.

The report required of me by canon brought the detail of my official duties in this diocese down to the meeting of our last Annual Convention, at Jackson.

July 11, 1846.—I baptized five persons in St. Luke's Church, Jackson, preached and then confirmed eight persons.

Sunday, July 12.—After morning prayer by Rev. Messrs. Wheat and Crane, I baptized one adult and two infants, and confirmed five persons. And then after preaching admitted to the office of Priesthood, Rev. James Stephenson and the Rev. James W. Rogers, and administered the Holy Communion to some sixty or seventy persons. At night the Rev. Mr. Crane preached and I confirmed five persons.

August 2.—In St. Peters' Church, Columbia, confirmed one person.

August 9.—In Christ Church, Nashville, preached in the morning and in the afternoon, on which last occasion I confirmed eleven persons.

August 13.—Arrived at Knoxville after a very fatiguing journey in the stage, and on Sunday the 16th, I preached in the morning and afternoon in St. John's Church, confirming on the latter occasion eleven persons. The Church edifice here was not yet ready for consecration, but was so far completed as to allow of its use by the congregation. When finished it will be the neatest building of the kind I have seen in the west.

Wednesday, 19.—After two days travel from Knoxville, I reached Greenville, a beautiful village, situated near the mountains, in East Tennessee. Here I preached twice. I found interest enough awakened in behalf of the Church, among an intelligent people, to ensure the gathering of a respectable congregation, could but some faithful minister be found to labor here for Christ. But herein consists the great obstacle to our progress, the want of active and diligent laborers to cultivate the fields

which appear to promise so rich a return for the exertions bestowed upon them. I reached Mrs. Judge White's, near Knoxville, on Saturday the 22d August, but too unwell to attempt any service the following Sunday.

Monday, 24.—Having partially recovered from my recent attack, I went to Church to-day, and after prayers by the Rev. Mr. Tomes I confirmed ~~five~~ persons.

Wednesday, 26.—After prayers by Rev. Mr. T., I confirmed *one* person.

Sunday, 30.—Having reached Franklin on my return, I preached in St. Paul's Church after morning prayer by Rev. S. Sherwell, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon I baptized three children, and again preached.

September 27.—At St. John's Chapel, Ashwood, after morning prayer by Rev. Mr. Harrison, I preached, confirmed *two* persons and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon I preached at the same place to the negroes.

November 8.—Read prayers and preached morning and afternoon in Christ Church, Nashville. In the afternoon I baptized an infant. During this visit to Nashville, in the absence of the Rector, the Rev. Dr. Wheat, I visited several sick persons and administered the Holy Communion once.

Wednesday, 11.—At Franklin I married the Rev. John Sandels to Catharine M. Hines, and granted a dimissory letter to Mr. S., transferring him to the diocese of Louisiana.

Sunday, 21.—Read prayers and preached morning and afternoon in Christ Church, Nashville. In the morning confirmed *four* persons.

Sunday, 29.—In St. Peter's Church, Columbia, after morning prayer by Rev. F. G. Smith, and sermon by Rev. C. Tomes, I admitted to the order of Deacons Wm. H. Burton, and administered the Holy Communion.

From the 11th of January, 1847, till Monday the 26th April, I was employed upon the business of the Church in Mississippi. I also in that time preached at Lake Providence, in Louisiana, and confirmed two persons. Preached at the consecration of Christ Church in New Orleans; assisted at an ordination in the same church, and officiated at one burial.

Having left Memphis on the night of the 26th April in the stage, I arrived the next day, after a very uncomfortable ride all night, at Sommerville. This is a Missionary Station, in charge of the Rev. Wm. H. Burton. In the afternoon of Tuesday, 27th, I read prayers and preached in the Court House.

April 28.—Leaving Sommerville early in the morning, I arrived by a private conveyance in the evening at LaGrange. At night the Rev. Mr. Burton read prayers and I preached.

Thursday, April 29.—Prayers were said by Rev. Mr. Burton in the morning and at night and I preached. At morning service I baptized two in-

fants. This Church is now without a pastor, the Rev. Mr. Stephenson having resigned the charge of it, and left the diocese in search of some other field of labor. The congregation has been considerably weakened within a few years past, by the removal of its members to other parts of the country; still there are enough left to form a respectable assembly for worship, and they manifest a becoming interest and zeal to employ a minister. It is a parish which, from its well known attachment to the Church and its character for hospitality and brotherly kindness, presents one of the fairest fields that can be desired for the peaceful, and quiet, and useful exercise of the ministerial functions. From this date to Sunday, May 9th, I was engaged in the discharge of official duty in the Diocese of Mississippi.

On Sunday, May 9th, at Memphis, the Rev. Mr. Alston read prayers in the morning and afternoon, on both which occasions, I preached. In the morning I confirmed *seven* persons, and in the afternoon *one*. The roof of the Church at Memphis, which was in danger of tumbling down upon the heads of the congregation, has been removed and its place been supplied by another of a substantial and safe construction. All that is now wanting to the completion of this Church, so creditable to the liberality of the Congregation by whom it was erected, is the building of the tower. I trust there will be found sufficient zeal and interest about holy things in the community to undertake and finish this necessary work.

Monday, 10.—Leaving Memphis this morning in company with Rev. Mr. Alston and family, we arrived about sundown at his mother's in the neighborhood of Randolph.

Tuesday, 11.—We rode to Randolph, where we had the pleasure of meeting the Rev. Mr. Rogers, who was already at Church awaiting our coming. Services were conducted by Rev. Messrs. Alston and Rogers in the morning, and afternoon when I preached. In the morning I baptized an adult, and in the evening I confirmed *seven* persons, two of them being colored people. The congregations were respectable in numbers, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather.

Wednesday, 18.—Left Mrs. Alston's this morning for Covington. The storm of the preceding day, by uprooting trees and washing away bridges, had rendered the roads nearly impassible. Nevertheless we reached Covington in good time, and at night, after prayers by the Rev. Mr. Rogers, I preached to a large congregation.

Thursday, 13.—Ascension day.—After morning prayer by the Rev. Mr. Burton, who joined us here to-day, I addressed the congregation in explanation of the practice of the Church in appointing certain days to be observed as festivals and fasts, and then preached. The same day we rode 12 or 15 miles, and at night were hospitably entertained by Maj. Thomas Hunt.

Friday, 14.—Proceeded to the common place of worship near Charleston, and after the celebration of morning service by Rev. Messrs. Rogers and Burton, I preached and then confirmed two persons. These services being concluded, I set off in company with Rev. Mr. Rogers on horseback, and after a ride of some 20 or 25 miles, in which we had to cross the Hatchee bottom, we arrived at the little village of Durhamville about sundown. In this place resides Mrs. Lee, an aged and very intelligent member of our communion, formerly of Virginia. In her house we were kindly received and entertained. The people of the village invited me to preach, but I was too much fatigued and worn down by previous efforts to attempt it. The neighborhood of Durhamville abounds in fine lands, in which many very pretty plantations are already opened and cultivated by an apparently thrifty and intelligent people. There are several members of our church in the vicinity, and all that is required to gather them into a congregation and add to their numbers, is a minister diligent in his work, and capable of teaching the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. The next day I rode to Dr. Oldham's with whom I spent the day.

Sunday, 16.—Proceeded with Dr. Oldham to Brownsville 18 miles distant. The Rev. Mr. Janson read morning prayer, and I preached to a respectable congregation in the Court House. The rain of the afternoon prevented our reassembling for worship.

Monday, 17.—In company with Rev. Mr. Jansen I set off for Jackson, 28 miles distant. We arrived in time for service at night. Rev. Mr. Jansen read prayers, and I preached to a large congregation.

Tuesday, 18.—Prayers by Mr. J. morning and night, when I preached.

Wednesday, 19.—Left Jackson and arrived at Bolivar in the afternoon, and at night read prayers and preached in St. James' Church. Congregation was large and attentive.

Thursday, 20.—This morning prayers were read by Rev. Dr. Stephens, and I baptized an adult. After this I preached the funeral of Mrs. Stephens, late consort of the venerable Rector of this Parish. She was suddenly called away from this earthly scene in February, fulfilling her course in faith and distinguished for the possession of every social and domestic virtue. To her aged companion in life, now bending under the weight of years and afflictions, and to her children, her loss is irreparable; yet may they learn a measure of resignation and consolation from considering that this mother in Israel has exchanged a world of trial and sorrow for one of rest and peace. This parish has also suffered another bereavement in the death of Gen. Calvin Jones, for many years a distinguished citizen of the country and a member of our communion. In the afternoon Dr. Stephens read prayers in the same church, when I preached and confirmed two persons.

From this point I proceeded on my way homeward by way of Memphis, intending to visit the Churches at Clarksville and Nashville on my route. I arrived at Clarksville on the morning of Tuesday the 25th, and was pained to hear of the death of Mr. Thomas W. Frazier, long known in this community for his excellent and irreproachable character, and for his warm and pious devotion to Christ and his Church. No man perhaps has ever lived in the same community more sincerely respected, or died more deeply regretted. On Tuesday night, after prayers by Rev. Mr. Crane, I preached to a large congregation.

Wednesday, 26.—Morning prayer was read by Mr. Crane and two adults baptized, after which I preached and administered confirmation to five persons. Immediately after these services I was very unwell, and by the first packet boat proceeded on my way to Nashville, where I arrived the next day between 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning, very feeble and worn down in mind and body from the labors of the last five months. Here I was met by information of the dangerous illness of a beloved child, which induced me to hasten home without delay. I arrived on Thursday night, in time to witness the last flickerings of the lamp of life, in the case of a dear daughter, just ripening into womanhood, and giving rich promise of every quality of heart and mind to endear her to her family and make her useful in the world. She died on Friday at 12 M., aged 16 years and 11 months, having been a communicant of the Church nearly two years. Thus a voice of solemn and impressive warning comes to us from the graves of the old and the young, reminding us that "in the midst of life we are in death," admonishing us to "set our houses in order," to watch and be ready for the coming of the bridegroom, lest coming suddenly he find us unprepared or sleeping! God grant that we may be enabled to live in such habits of faith, hope and charity that when called hence we may reach that consummation of bliss in the mansions of the blessed, to which we humbly trust, those whom we loved and who have gone before us have attained, through the merits and intercession of our gracious Lord and Redeemer Jesus Christ!

The clerical changes which I have to report are the following: The Rev. Mr. Fagg has been received into this diocese as a Presbyter upon letters dimissory from the Bishop of Ohio, and is understood to be engaged as a private tutor in a family in Bedford county. The Rev. Mr. Sandels has taken letters of dismission to the diocese of Louisiana and been received as a Presbyter by the Bishop thereof. The Rev. Ch. Tomes has resigned the rectorship of St. John's Church, Knoxville, and been succeeded by the Rev. Thos. W. Humes. The Rev. Mr. Tomes has gone to the diocese of New York, with my permission and approbation, but has not yet taken letters of transfer from this diocese. The Rev. Mr. Stephenson, it is under-

stood has gone to Ohio, and the Rev. Mr. Sherwell, deacon, to Pennsylvania. The Rev. Mr. Burton has been assigned to the missionary station at Somerville, giving a portion of his time to two other parishes in Tipton county, under the charge of Rev. J. W. Rogers. The Rev. Thomas West has been received into this diocese upon letters dimissory from the Bishop of Pennsylvania. The Rev. H. F. M. Whitesides is officiating at Tellico and at Athens. The present number of candidates for orders in the diocese is four, Mr. Thomas B. Lawson received by letters of transfer from the Bishop of Ohio. Mr. A. B. Russell formerly a candidate in New York and student at the General Theological Seminary, re-admitted as a candidate here on the recommendation of the Standing Committee, founded upon the statement of the Secretary of the Standing Committee of New York and on other satisfactory evidence touching his moral and religious character. Mr. Wm. White and Mr. Wm. Steel have both been received as candidates in this diocese on the recommendation of the Standing Committee. All these candidates have been pursuing their studies under my direction for nearly a year past. I regret that the dissolution of my School, a measure to which I am reluctantly compelled by the state of my health, and other considerations, will lead to our separation. Mr. Lawson has already proceeded to Vicksburg, with my consent, to take the place of private Tutor in a family there, and will continue his studies under the immediate direction of Mr. Patterson. Mr. Russell will proceed in a few days, it is expected, to the county of Marshall, in Mississippi, when he will, after his ordination to the Diaconate, which is expected to take place the ensuing Sunday, take charge of St. Andrew's Church, in connexion with a select school. The feeble state of Mr. White's health, makes it necessary for him to travel for its restoration; so that I shall have left with me Mr. Steel only. My hopes of usefulness to the diocese from my school have been high, and the prospect has often cheered my heart. But every human calculation is liable to disappointment, and our fondest hopes are frequently cherished, to be overcast and withered by sudden, unexpected and uncontrollable events. A diocesan school is an institution which we greatly need, and any plan devised which shall result in the permanent establishment of such a Seminary for the education and religious trainings of our sons, I should deem a most happy event to the diocese. It is almost the only reliable source to which we can look for the raising up of ministers to build the waste places of our Zion.

I feel it my duty to urge again upon the attention of all the members of our Church, the importance of sustaining our missions. I trust that my brethren will not withhold from their people the privilege of aiding in this cause, by failing to apply to them for their help and assistance. A gift for the sake of Christ is doubly blessed; for it carries a blessing to the poor of

this world for whose knowledge and instruction in the way of salvation it is contributed, and it returns with a blessing to the soul of the donor, in the testimony of an approving conscience, and the recognition of the truth of Christ's words, "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

I beg leave also to recommend to the Rectors and Vestries of the different Parishes to appropriate the collections of the first Sunday, in next month, to aid the American Colonization Society, in its noble and christian enterprise of colonizing the free people of color on the coast of Africa. I feel free to say here, that if benevolence be permitted to select its objects in the exercise of its kindly sympathies and in the bestowal of its charitable assistance, I know of none which has so high claims upon us as this institution. It combines in its aims all the elements of the most enlarged christian philanthropy.

It gives me great pleasure to report to the Convention that an arrangement has been entered into with Rev. F. G. Smith, Rector of the Columbia Female Institute, on the part of the Board of Trustees, by which that interesting, useful and valuable institution will be secured to the Church. The fears so justly entertained about its fate last year, have thus in the good providence of God been dissipated. An arrangement has been entered into between the Rector and the Board of Trustees, by which all future vacancies in the Board, shall be filled upon a nomination made by the Bishop and Convention of the diocese. This duty will devolve upon us at our present meeting.

I congratulate you, dear brethren, upon the happy and kindly feeling which pervades all our congregations. The clergy are dwelling together in unity, and the people are every where in our parishes, living together in harmony, peace and godly love. So let us strive to continue—strive to fix our affections on heavenly things—strive to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace, and then the God of peace will delight to dwell with and bless us!

Here it had been my purpose to close this report. But it has pleased Almighty God in his wise providence, since we assembled in Convention in this place, to visit us again with affliction, and bring distress upon us; and I must therefore detain you by a few additional remarks upon the sad event to which our proceedings on yesterday referred, and which has impressed every member of this body with the deepest sorrow. A record in this address of the affection which I cherished for one* who was, perhaps, more than any one else, my son in the Gospel of Christ, is no less due to the kind and cordial support which he always gave to me in my work, to the filial respect and confidence which he ever manifested for me personally,

*Rev. Philip Wm. Alston, Rector of Calvary Church, Memphis.

than it is grateful to my own heart to pay this slight but sincere tribute of its love to his memory. Received by baptism into the church while an infant, and solemnly dedicated to the Lord by the prayers of a pious mother, who strove diligently and faithfully to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; he was admitted to confirmation at Randolph, on the 2nd of April, 1834. In February, 1836, he was received as a candidate for orders, and ordained Deacon, June 24, 1838, and Priest on the 10th May, 1840. His ministerial labors were begun at Memphis, where, up to the time of his leaving home for this Convention, he had continued in the faithful and diligent discharge of his duties in a manner most creditable to his zeal, judgment and discretion, and most acceptably to the members of his flock. It is unnecessary to speak of his influence in the councils of the church in this diocese, or of the esteem in which he was held by his brethren. Your resolutions of yesterday sufficiently attest your estimate of his worth. In the stores of his varied and accurate information; in vigor of intellect, in soundness of judgment, in the readiness with which he would lay hold upon and unfold and make clear difficult subjects—in the happiness and appositeness of his illustrations, making all arts, sciences, trades and the outspread volume of nature tributary to his purpose in this respect—in the facility with which he would extract from an author every thing valuable, and throw aside that which was merely accessory or useless—in fertility of imagination—in the power of invention and in the beauty, strength and harmony of his composition, I deem it no extravagance to say that I have never known his superior, at the same age, if indeed his equal can be found any where in the church. His mind was admirably balanced and possessed of vast powers of comprehension. And what may appear the crowning grace of his character, with all his admirable qualities of mind, was combined a most childlike and winning simplicity. All his learning and all his talents were laid as an humble offering at the foot of the cross.

Well may we adopt the language of the Latin poet and say:

*Quando ullum inveniemus parem?
Quis desiderio sit pudor, aut modus
Tam chari capitisi?*

HORACE.

When shall we look upon his like again?
What bounds shall we set to our grief, on losing an individual so intimately and justly esteemed.

Our deceased brother, as you know, fell under the stroke of death with a suddenness that astounded us. So unexpected indeed was the blow, that we looked into one another's faces and said with trembling, "What is this that God hath done unto us?"

He arrived at my house on last Tuesday evening, and complained of slight indisposition, which he attributed to the fatigue of traveling and consequent want of rest. He retired early and slept soundly, arose in the morning and was nearly dressed when I entered his room. He was still unwell, and at my instance lay down and took medicine. This not having the desired effect, his personal friend, Dr. John B. Hays, in whose skill he had the highest confidence, was sent for. Every thing that could be done, aided by the personal attention and advice of Drs. Shelby and Frierson, skilful and experienced physicians, was done by him, to arrest the progress of the disease; but in vain. In less than thirty hours from the time the physician was called, our gifted and beloved brother was numbered with the dead.

Any words on my part to express the depth of sympathy felt for the family and relatives of the deceased—the sense entertained of the loss of the diocese and church at large—the bereavement which we personally experience, or to add force to the admonition which the event itself administers to each of us individually, would be vain, if not idle. I can only add, with a feeling of solemnity and realizing sense of their truthfulness, never experienced before, the words of our adorable Lord and Redeemer:—"Be ye ready also, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh."

Your faithful Friend and affectionate Pastor,

JAMES H. OTEY.

COLUMBIA, June 19, 1847.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

13th September, '46.—	Wm. Letcher White was recommended to the Bishop as a candidate for orders.
10th June, '47.—	Wm. M. Steel was recommended to the Bishop as a candidate for orders.
28th February. '47.—	Ambrose B. Russell was recommended to the Bishop as a candidate for orders, with the benefit of the time previously passed in the diocese of New York.
19th June, '47.—	Mr. Russell was recommended to the Bishop for Deacon's orders.

J. T. WHEAT, *President.*

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, NASHVILLE.

The Rector reports to the Bishop of the Diocese the following statement from the register of the parish.

Families,	67								
Marriages,	2								
Funerals,	28								
Baptisms—3 Adults, 31 Infants,	34								
Confirmations,	14								
Communicants,	<table><tbody><tr><td>Suspended,</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>Removed,</td><td>19</td></tr><tr><td>Deceased,</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>Added past year,</td><td>9</td></tr></tbody></table>	Suspended,	1	Removed,	19	Deceased,	3	Added past year,	9
Suspended,	1								
Removed,	19								
Deceased,	3								
Added past year,	9								
Sunday School—12 Teachers,	90								
Church Offerings,	\$384 75								
Pension Fund,	41 50								
Episcopate,	43 30								
An. Support,	250								
Contingent Expenses,	20								
Other Contributions,	175 00								
	— \$914 55								

J. T. WHEAT.

THE RECTOR OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH, COLUMBIA,

REPORTS:

Families, former No.	14	{	Present No. 21								
Added,	7										
Marriages,			4								
Baptisms, infants,			6								
Confirmed,			1								
Burials,			2								
Communicants,	<table><tbody><tr><td>Former No.,</td><td>42</td></tr><tr><td>Added,</td><td>6</td></tr><tr><td>Removed,</td><td>10</td></tr><tr><td>Died,</td><td>2</td></tr></tbody></table>	Former No.,	42	Added,	6	Removed,	10	Died,	2	{	Present No. 36
Former No.,	42										
Added,	6										
Removed,	10										
Died,	2										
Contributions, Parochial purposes,			\$46 06								

Contingent fund of Convention,	10 00
Monthly contribution to Diocesan Missions,	34 80
Contributions to Pension fund,	15 00
Do. Episcopate,	100 00

Besides these sums, the liberality and devoted zeal, chiefly of the ladies of the congregation—always foremost in good works—have materially altered, improved and beautified the Church: the chancel and all its appointments being now entirely appropriate to the peculiarities of our public worship. I pray God reward them richly for their labor of love.

JAS. H. OTEY.

THE RECTOR OF TRINITY CHURCH, CLARKSVILLE,

Respectfully reports to the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, the following statement from his parish register.

Baptisms—Adults 5, Infants 12,	17
Confirmations, (there are now six persons waiting to be confirmed,) 5	5
Communicants, {	Former number, 35 Removed, 1 Died, 2 Added, 9
	} Present No. 41
Marriages,	6
Funerals,	4
Contributed,	{ Weekly offerings to the support of the Episcopate,
Pension Fund,	} \$41 27
Contingent Fund,	6 60
By the Ladies Parochial Society for repairing and improving the Church, about	10 00
	175 00

We have recently sustained a most severe and trying bereavement, in the death of our late venerated Senior Warden, Thomas W. Frazer. This most estimable man and exemplary christian became a member of the church when this parish was feebly struggling for a very existence, and up to the day and hour of his decease, his interest in its behalf was never for a moment abated, nor his efforts relaxed. His life was more in the church than in the world, and in its service he was willing to spend and to be spent. Our church, our parsonage, our burying ground, as well as his bequests by will to the parish, are the substantial proofs and monuments of his almost unexampled devotion to the Kingdom of the Redeemer. May God enable us to cherish as his most precious legacy, his *good example*, and may the great object of all his prayers and efforts be speedily and signally realized, in the peace, prosperity and extension of the Church of God.

WILLIAM C. CRANE.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, LAGRANGE.

The report of Immanuel Church, Lagrange, being without a Minister, is as follows:

No. of Communicants,	30
Baptisms during the last year,	4
Marriages,	1
June 17, 1847.	

WM. H. BURTON.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSON.

The undersigned respectfully presents the following report to the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese.

Marriages,	2
Funeral,	1
Baptism, (Infant,)	1
Communicants,	37
Sunday School Scholars.	29
Teachers, Male 2—Female 7.	9
Assessment for Episcopate,	\$50

L. JANSEN.

ZION CHURCH, BROWNSVILLE.

Families,	10
Communicants,	11
Funeral,	1
Marriage,	1
Assessment for Episcopate,	\$25

L. JANSEN.

TRINITY, TIPTON COUNTY.

The Missionary to Tipton county respectfully reports to the Bishop as follows:

Baptisms, (Adult, 1—Infant, 1,)	2
Confirmations,	2
Communicants—added 2, present No.,	7

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, RANDOLPH.

Baptisms, (Adults, 3—Infants, 3,)	6
Confirmations,	7
Communicants,	30
Families.	15

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH COVINGTON.

Baptism, (Adult, 1,)	1
Confirmations, (one candidate.)	0
Communicants,	5
Families.	4

J. M. ROGERS.

ST. JAMES' PARISH, BOLIVAR.

I have nothing of unusual interest to communicate. I have officiated regularly during the last conventional year, except two months last summer.

and three weeks last February, during my grief for the loss of my dear consort, an irreparable loss to me. She had been for nearly 40 years a pious member of the church. I have lost three of my communicants during the last year. My congregation, however, is fully as large and attentive as heretofore.

Bishp Otey paid us a visit recently, and celebrated baptism and confirmation, and preached three times in a very acceptable manner to the people. I do not feel strength enough to attend the Convention. May the God of grace shed his choicest blessings upon its deliberations.

Baptisms,	5
Confirmations,	3
Number of communicants, (2 1/2%)	11
Marriages,	4
Funerals,	3
Communion, number of times,	4
Collections for Bishop Otey,	\$45
For contingent expenses,	5
For Dom. Missionary Society (N. York,)	17
We have no delegates.	50

All of which is respectfully submitted by DANIEL STEPHENS.

June 12, 1847.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, KNOXVILLE.

The Rector of St. John's Church, Knoxville, reports to the Bishop as follows:

Baptisms, Adults, 5—Children, 13,	18
Former number of Communicants,	37
Added,	8
Removed,	3
Deceased,	2
Present number,	40
Confirmations,	17
Marriages,	2
Burials,	3

Monthly offerings at Communion:	
Assessment for Episcopate,	\$75 00
Contingent Expenses of Convention,	5 00
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen,	7 31
Permanent Episcopate Fund,	10 00
Current Expenses,	80 00
Special Offerings by two Communicants— cost of Baptismal Font and finishing	} 50 00—227 31
Communion Table,	

The above report includes that portion of the time since last Convention, which was prior to the 1st of October, when the Rev. Charles Tomes resigned the charge of the Parish. The present Rector, previous to that time, assisted the Rev. Mr. Tomes.

By a recent and generous effort upon the part of the congregation, the means have been provided for liquidating the debt in which the church was involved when the Rector entered upon his duties, and for completing the building. This fact is very gratifying, when it is considered that there are but few of the regular members of the congregation, who are able to con-

tribute large amounts, and that all had previously given liberally, according to their means, towards the accomplishment of the work. The house will, in consequence of the pledges just made, be soon ready for consecration.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS W. HUMES, Rector.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ASHWOOD.

The Rector respectfully reports to the Rt. Rev., the Bishop of the Diocese, the following statement from his Parish Register.

Baptisms—since last report,	Adults, 22	Infants, 32,	34
Confirmations,			2
Communicants—Last reported,	33	{ Total,	38
Added,	5		
Burials—Infants, 2—Adults, 3,		Total,	5
From another Cure,			1
Marriages,			4
Sunday School Teachers,			12
Pupils,			74
Episcopal Assessment,			\$50
Contingent Expenses,			5
Weekly Offerings,			15

A Bible class has been organised, which meets weekly, and which promises much interest, and it is hoped, much advantage. The half hour previous to the time appointed for holding the Afternoon Service on each Sunday, is devoted to teaching the negroes "the order for daily evening Prayer," orally. Many of them, with much ardor and apparently with much devotion, join with the congregation in repeating the Confession, the Lord's Prayer, the Versicles immediately preceding, the "Gloria Patri," the "Bonum est confiteri," the "Deus misereatur," and the Creed. There is among them, but one member of the church—perhaps among the present adults there will never be many; but should they go down to their graves, with but these portions of her liturgy imprinted on their memories, their minister, their masters and their mistresses will feel that their labor has not been in vain in the Lord. Of the rising generation nearly seventy of them are children of the church by baptism, of them we hope better things. God grant these hopes may be realized! Service has been held twice at Hunter's Meeting House, and frequently at Mt. Pleasant. At this last place, regular services are contemplated.

All which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. HARRISON, Rector.

W. H. Burton respectfully reports to the Bishop of the Diocese, that he has been officiating at Sommerville since January last. The previous existence of congregations of the different denominations of christians, together with an unacquaintance with the services and claims of the church, render its progress necessarily slow: yet, that it may, under Divine assistance, eventually obtain a standing among the people, the prospect is inviting.

The number of families attached to the worship and communion in the Church, are	5
Communicants,	9
Baptisms administered,	2
No Sunday School yet organized.	
June 17, 1847.	

TO THE RIGHT REV. BISHOP OTEY:

The undersigned, Rector of the Columbia Female Institute, respectfully reports, that during the past year he has been called upon to officiate publicly in the services of the church only a few times. His labors have been faithfully and assiduously devoted to the Institute under his care, which, during the year past, has been greatly prospered in all its interests. All the departments of instruction have been satisfactorily filled, while some of them have been managed with a degree of skill and success unexampled in the previous history of the Institute.

The late arrangements by which the debt of the Institute is provided for, and its future management brought more immediately under the control of the Diocesan Convention, are matters of congratulation. The school may now be regarded as a permanent establishment, with the prospect of long continued usefulness to the cause of religion and learning. We have, thus far, labored under all the trials and difficulties incident to a new enterprise, struggling with the embarrassments of a public debt under which we were liable at any time to be prostrated. To the kind Providence which has saved us from the threatened destruction, our devout thanksgivings are due, nor can we remember the noble generosity of our benefactors without lively gratitude.

F. G. SMITH.

TENN. INSTITUTE, COLUMBIA, TENN. }
June 15th, 1847. }

TREASURER'S REPORT.*Christ Church, Nashville,*

Dr. To Contingent Ex.	20 00
Episcopate,	<u>250 00</u>
	<u>\$270 00</u>
Cr. By Cash,	<u>270 00</u>

St. Peter's Church, Columbia,

Dr. To Contingent Fund,	10 00
Episcopate,	<u>100 00</u>
	<u>\$110 00</u>
Cr. By Cash,	<u>110 00</u>

Trinity Church, Clarksville,

Dr. To Contingent Ex.	10 00
Episcopate,	<u>75 00</u>
	<u>\$85 00</u>
Cr. By Cash,	<u>10 00</u>
	<u>Balance due,</u>
	<u>75 00</u>

<i>St. Luke's Church, Jackson,</i>		
Dr. To Contingent Fund, Episcopate,	\$5 00	
	50 00	
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Cr. By Cash in full,	55 00	
	55 00	
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<i>Zion Church, Brownsville,</i>		
Dr. To Contingent Ex. Episcopate,	5 00	
	20 00	
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Cr. By Cash,	\$25 00	
	25 00	
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<i>Calvary Church, Memphis,</i>		
Dr. To Contingent Fund, Episcopate,	\$15 00	
	210 00	
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Cr. By Cash for the Episcopate Fund,	\$225,00	
	210 00	
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	Balance due,	\$15 00
<i>St. James' Church, Bolivar,</i>		
Dr. To Contingent Fund, Episcopate,	5 00	
	45 00	
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Cr. By Cash,	\$50 00	
	50 00	
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<i>St. John's Church, Knoxville,</i>		
Dr. To Contingent Fund, Episcopate,	5 00	
	75 00	
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Cr. By Cash,	\$80 00	
	80 00	
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<i>St. John's Church, Ashwood,</i>		
Dr. To Contingent Ex. Episcopate,	5 00	
	60 00	
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Cr. By Cash,	\$65 00	
	65 00	
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<i>St. Paul's Church, Randolph,</i>		
Dr. To Contingent Ex. Episcopate for 1846 and 1847.	5 00	
	20 00	
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Cr. By Cash,	\$25 00	
	20 00	
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	Balance due,	\$5 00

<i>Trinity Church, Tipton County,</i>		
Dr. To Contingent Ex.		5 00
Episcopate,		20 00
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Cr. By Cash,		\$25 00
		25 00
<i>An offering by Dr. Oldham:</i>		
This sum presented to the Episcopate,		\$25 00
<i>An offering by Mrs. M. Lea:</i>		
'This sum to the Episcopate,		\$20 00

<i>Amount received for the support of the Episcopate for</i>		
the years 1846 and 1847,		\$895 00
Contingent Expenses for same years,		70 00
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<i>Amount yet due for the support of the Episcopate for the years '46 and '47.</i>		
St. Paul's, Franklin,		\$20 00
Trinity, Clarksville,		75 00
Immanuel, Lagrange,		65 00
St. Marks, Williamsport,		15 00
Cong. at Covington,		15 00
Cong. at Athens, &c. in E. Tenn.,		30 00—220 00

<i>Amount of old debt not yet paid for the support of the Episcopate.</i>		
St. Paul's, Franklin,		\$40 00
Trinity, Clarksville,		115 32
Immanuel, Lagrange,		20 00
Zion, Brownsville,		30 00
St. James', Bolivar,		30 00
St. Mark's, Williamsport,		50 00
St. Paul's, Randolph,		15 00—200 32

Christ Church, Nashville, and St. Peter's, Columbia, have paid off their old debt since the last Convention.

<i>Amount yet due for the Con: Ex. for the years '46 and '47.</i>		
St. Paul's, Franklin,		\$5 00
Immanuel, Lagrange,		5 00
Calvary, Memphis,		15 00
St. Mark's, Williamsport,		5 00
St. Paul's, Randolph,		5 00
Cong. at Covington,		5 00
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		\$40 00

<i>Amount of old Debt not yet paid for the Con. Ex.</i>		
St. Paul's, Franklin,		\$5 00
Immanuel, Lagrange,		10 00
St. Mark's Williamsport.		5 00—20 00

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS TO THE DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR 1847.

CLERGY.				
Rt. Rev. J. H. Otey,	\$2 00	Mrs. M. J. Shadley,	5 00	
" J. T. Wheat.	2 00	Miss Lucy Hunt,	2 00	
" J. M. Rogers,	2 00	Mrs. Eliza Henderson,	2 50	
" F. G. Smith,	2 00	Miss Marion Patterson,	2 50	
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NASHVILLE.		Ravinescross Chapel.		
John Shelby, M. D.	2 00	Mrs. E. P. Alston,	2 00	
Mrs. Shelby,	2 00	Miss Mary H. Alston,	2 00	
F. B. Fogg, '45, '46 and '47,	6 00	Miss Mary H. Alston,	2 00	
Mrs. Fogg, '45, '46, '47,	6 00	Miss Anna D. J. Alston,	2 00	
F. B. Fogg, jun. '45, '46, '47,	6 00	Jas. J. Alston,	2 00	
John Baird,	2 00	<hr/>		
Mrs. Baird,	2 00	BROWNSVILLE.		
Mrs. Ann Lynch,	3 50	Dr. Oldham,	2 00	
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COLUMBIA.		Mrs. Oldham,	2 00	
W. J. Polk, M. D.,	2 00	A. S. Oldham,	2 00	
Jas. Walker,	2 00	R. H. Oldham,	2 00	
Charles Smith, M. D.,	2 00	<hr/>		
Edward Sheegog,	2 00	ZION.		
Mrs. Sheegog,	2 00	Mrs. M. L. Rogers,	2 00	
Collection taken up at Convention,	36 60	W. E. Rogers,	2 00	
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ST. JOHN'S, ASHWOOD.		Mrs. Martha S. Ashe,	2 00	
L. J. Polk,	2 00	S. M. Ashe,	2 00	
Mrs. L. J. Polk,	2 00	<hr/>		
JACKSON.		MEMPHIS.		
Jas. Caruthers,	2 50	Mrs. Barnet,	2 00	
Mrs. Caruthers,	2 50	J. Rose,	2 00	
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Monthly subscriptions for St. Peter's Church, Columbia, for Missions up to Ju'e '47.	\$59 45			

EDWARD SHEEGOG, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF PENSION FUND.

The Treasurer of the Pension Fund reports that he has received by the hands of Dr. Wheat the following sums:

From the Church at Clarksville,	\$6 60
" " Knoxville,	7 30
" " Columbia,	15 00
" " Nashville,	42 00
Collected 25th Dec. 1846.	
Amount received previously,	148 46
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	\$219 36

M. WATSON, *Treasurer.*

July 5, 1847.

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1847-8.

	<i>Con. Ex.</i>	<i>Epis.</i>
Christ Church, Nashville.	\$20	\$250
St. Paul's " Franklin,	5	20
St. Peter's " Columbia,	10	100
Trinity " Clarksville,	10	75
Immanuel " LaGrange,	5	65
St. Luke's " Jackson,	5	50
Zion " Brownsville,	5	20
Calvary " Memphis,	15	210
St. James' " Bolivar,	5	45
St. John's " Knoxville,	5	60
St. John's " Ashwood,	5	60
St. Mark's " Williamsport,	5	15
Trinity " Tipton County,	5	20
St. Paul's " Randolph,	5	20
Congregation at Covington,	5	15
Congregation, &c. at Athens, &c. E. Tenn.,	40	
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	\$110	\$1065

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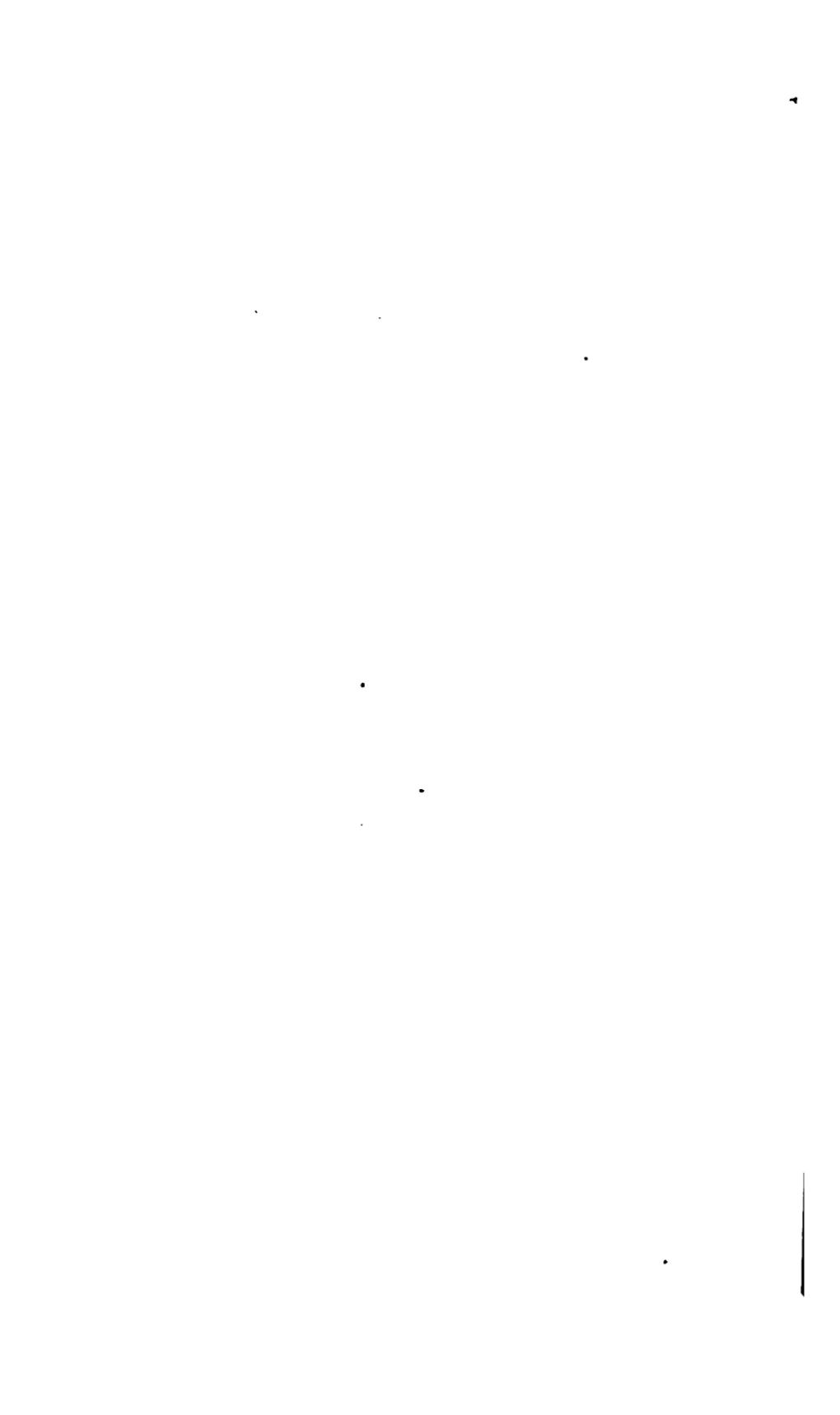
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NOTICE TO RECTORS OF PARISHES: CANONICAL REQUIREMENTS.

IV Canon. To attend the Convention.
V " To report to the Bishop from Parish Register, "on or before the first day of the Convention."
X " To recommend "Weekly Church offerings."
XIV " To take up a collection at Easter for the permanent Episcopate Fund.
I Canon of 1816. To take up a collection at Christmas for the Pension Fund.

~~18~~¹⁷ The next Convention will meet at Knoxville, on the third Thursday in July, 1847.

J. T. WHEAT. *Secretary.*

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LIST OF CLERGYMEN

Entitled to Seats in the 26th Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in Tennessee.

1. RT. REV. JAMES HERVEY OTEY. D. D. DIOCESEAN.
2. REV. WM. C. CRANE,* Rector of Trinity Church, Clarksville.
3. " ED. H. CRESSEY,* " " St. John's " Ashwood.
4. " WM. FAGG, " " Immanuel " Lagrange.
5. " THOS. W. HUMES, " " St. John's " Knoxville.
6. " LEWIS JANSEN,* " " St. Luke's " Jackson.
7. " JOHN NOBLE,* Teacher, Frierson Settlement, Maury Co.
8. " D. C. PAGE, D. D., Rector of Calvary Church, Memphis.
9. " JAS. W. ROGERS, " " St. Paul's " Franklin.
10. " F. G. SMITH,* " " Female Institute, Columbia.
11. " D. STEPHENS, D. D.,* " St. James' Church, Bolivar.
12. " J. T. WHEAT, D. D., " St. Peters' " Columbia.
13. " W. H. BURTON.* Deacon, Missionary at Sommerville.
14. " FREDERICK ELWELL. " Teacher, Knoxville.
15. " THOS. B. LAWSON, Deacon.

Clergymen belonging to the Diocese but not entitled to seats in the Convention.

16. REV. THOS. WEST.
17. " SAM'L. SHERWELL, Deacon.

LIST OF PARISHES AND DELEGATES.

1. <i>Christ Church, Nashville,</i>		{ *JOHN SHELBY, M. D.,
2. <i>St. Peters'</i>	<i>Columbia,</i>	{ *FRANCIS B. FOGG,
3. <i>St. Paul's</i>	<i>Franklin,</i>	{ *JOSEPH H. INGRAHAM.
4. <i>Trinity</i>	<i>Clarksville,</i>	{ *CHARLES SMITH, M. D.,
5. <i>Immanuel</i>	<i>Lagrange,</i>	{ *WILLIAM STEELE,
6. <i>St. Luke's</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	{ *WILLIA J. POLK.
7. <i>St. Paul's</i>	<i>Randolph,</i>	None reported.
8. <i>Zion,</i>	<i>Brownsville,</i>	" "
9. <i>Calvary,</i>	<i>Memphis.</i>	{ *SAMUEL MANSFIELD,
10. <i>St. James'</i>	<i>Bolivar,</i>	{ *SAMUEL P. WALKER,
11. <i>St. Mark's</i>	<i>Williamsport,</i>	{ *RUSH NEWMAN, M. D.
12. <i>St. John's</i>	<i>Knoxville,</i>	None reported.
13. <i>Trinity</i>	<i>Tipton,</i>	{ WILLIAM B. REESE,
14. <i>St. John's</i>	<i>Ashwood,</i>	{ WILLIAM H. SNEED,
15. <i>Greenville Parish, Greene Co.,</i>		{ F. A. RAMSEY, M. D.
		None reported.
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		{ TIPPOO SAIB HENDERSON, M. D.,
		{ MORDECAI LINCOLN.

* Not present at the Convention.

JOURNAL.

The Twentieth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Tennessee, met in St. John's Church, Knoxville, on the 20th of July, 1848; being the place and time appointed by the last Convention.

After Morning Prayer and a Sermon, the Rt. REV. JAMES HERVEY OTEN, D. D., Diocesan, and *ex officio* President of the Convention, caused to be read the list of Clergymen entitled to seats; of whom there were present:

Rev. Thos. W. Humes, Rector of St. John's Church, Knoxville.

" David C. Page, D. D., " " Calvary " Memphis.

" J. T. Wheat, D. D., " " St. Peter's " Columbia.

The certificates of Lay-delegates were referred to the Rev. Messrs. Page and Humes, as a committee of inspection, and upon their favorable report the following were ordered to be entered upon the list:

Christ Church, Nashville.

{ John Shelby, M. D.
Francis B. Fogg,
Joseph H. Ingraham.

St. Peter's, Columbia.

{ Chas. Smith, M. D.
Wm. J. Polk, M. D.
William Steele.

Calvary, Memphis,

{ Samuel Mansfield,
S. P. Walker,
Rush Newman, M. D.

St. John's, Knoxville.

{ Wm. B. Reese,
Wm. H. Snead,
E. A. Ramsey, M. D.

(F. H. Ramsey, M.
Of whom there were present only the last named delegation.

The Rev. Dr. Wheat was re-elected Secretary.

A memorial from a newly organized Parish at Greenville was referred to Rev. Mr. Humes and Judge Reese for examination.

The Committee having made a favorable report, the Parish was admitted into union with the Church in this Diocese, and the following delegates having presented the proper credentials, were admitted to seats in this Convention.

Greenville Parish, Greene Co., Tippoo Saib Henderson, M. D.,
Mordecai Lincoln.

The "Rules of Order" of the last Convention were adopted for the government of this, and then the Convention adjourned till Friday morning.

The Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. D. C. Page, D. D., Rector of Calvary Church, Memphis, from Ephesians iii. 8. St. Paul's example, the model of a Christian teacher, self-abased, but magnifying his Divine commission to "preach the unsearchable riches of Christ."

FRIDAY, 21st.

The Rev. Messrs. Fagg and Rogers appeared and took their seats.

The minutes of Thursday were read and approved.

The Rev. Charles Tomes of the diocese of Missouri, formerly a member of this Convention, and the founder of this flourishing parish, a brother well-beloved of us all, being now present, *Resolved*, that he be invited to take a seat in this Convention.

Messrs. John H. Burton and Thomas Polk, of Immanuel, La-grange, were added to the list of delegates.

The Bishop read his Annual Address. (See Appendix.)

The Report of the Standing Committee was read. (See Ap-pendix.)

Also the Report of the Missionary and Education Committee.—(See Appendix.)

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to a Diocesan School, be referred to a Committee of three to consider and report what action may be necessary on the part of this Con-vention.

The Rev. Dr. Page, Mr. Humes and Judge Reese were appointed.

Resolved, That this Convention heartily approve of that portion of the Bishop's Address which relates to the primitive practice of "Weekly Offerings:" and the clergy be, and are hereby requested to take immediate measures for carrying it into effect.

The following elections were made, balloting being dispensed with, by unanimous consent.

Standing Committee:

Rev. J. T. Wheat, D. D.,
" W. C. Crane,

John Shelby, M. D.,
F. B. Fogg.

Delegates to General Convention:

Rev. Wm. C. Crane,
" Thos. W. Humes,

F. B. Fogg,
W. H. Stephens,

Rev. David C. Page, D. D.,
 " J. T. Wheat, D. D.,

Lucius J. Polk,
 Sam'l Oldham, M. D.

Missionary and Education Committee:

Rev. E. H. Cressey,
 " J. T. Wheat, D. D.,

Lucius J. Polk,
 Wm. J. Polk, M. D.

Book Depository:

Rev. Wm. C. Crane,
 " J. T. Wheat, D. D.,

John Shelby, M. D.,
 M. Watson.

Episcopate Fund:

F. B. Fogg,

Thomas Maney.

Pension Fund:

Rev. Wm. C. Crane,
 " J. T. Wheat, D. D.,

John Shelby, M. D.,
 M. Watson, *Treas.*

Trustees of General Theological Seminary:

Rev. J. T. Wheat, D. D., **F. B. Fogg.**

Treasurer and Secretary:

Rev. J. T. Wheat, D. D., of Columbia.

Committee of Assessments for the ensuing year:

Messrs. Sneed, Henderson, Fagg, Page, Rogers and Wheat.

Adjourned till 3½ o'clock P. M.

3½ o'clock.—The Committee of Assessments submitted the following report, which with the accompanying resolutions was adopted.

The aggregate assessment for 1847-8 for the Episcopate was \$1065, but the amount actually received by the Bishop is \$536.—The Bishop having given up the diocese of Mississippi and intending for the future to devote his whole time to the labors of this diocese, it is incumbent upon this Convention to make better provision than has heretofore existed for the Episcopate. The increase which it will be seen below is made over last year, has been intended to be made in those parishes in which it was believed by the committee the congregations were *better able, and willing to pay promptly*. Several of the parishes have been continued at their last assessment; some of them because the committee had no sufficient information that the assessment ought to be increased, and, as to the others, because they have not paid any thing for years and any increase would be useless. With the above explanation the committee recommend the following schedule of assessments. (See Appendix.) They also recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

Resolved, That it shall hereafter be the duty of the Treasurer

to report to the Convention the parishes that fail to pay their respective assessments.

Resolved, That it shall hereafter be the duty of each minister having parochial charge and each missionary in his annual report to the Bishop, to state the amount of his salary and how much of the same has been paid.

Resolved, That the reports contemplated in the above resolutions be published as part of the Journal.

W M. H. SNEED, *Chairman.*

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the Diocesan School would respectfully report the following resolution:

Resolved, unanimously, That the Convention heartily approve of the Bishop's recommendation to establish a Diocesan School; and that, in co-operation with the Bishop, the Rev. Dr. Wheat, Dr. W. J. Polk, A. J. Polk and Jas. Walker, Esqrs., be requested to act as a Committee to take charge of any funds which have been, or may hereafter be contributed to this object and to take whatever further measures may be necessary for carrying said recommendation into effect.

The Parochial Reports were then read, and ordered on the Journal. (See Appendix.)

The time and place for the meeting of the next Annual Convention were fixed for the first Wednesday in May, 1849, in Immanuel Church, LaGrange.

Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock, Saturday.

SATURDAY 22nd.

Minutes of Friday were read and approved.

On motion, the Committee of Assessments had leave to withdraw their report for amendment; and then recommended another schedule of assessments for the support of the Episcopate less in amount by \$500 than the former and this they did, in conformity with the Bishop's better knowledge of the ability of the several parishes and his own decided preference to have the nominal and the actual support of the Episcopate brought more nearly together and being perfectly content with the smaller sum, if punctually and promptly paid.

Three hundred and fifty copies of the Journal were ordered to be printed and distributed in the usual manner.

Resolved unanimously, That this Convention make grateful acknowledgements for the kind hospitalities of their friends in Knox-



ville, and that this expression of thanks be communicated through the Rector of St. John's Church.

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this Convention be given, through the Rector of St. John's to the Rev. Pastor and the Session of the 1st Presbyterian Church, for the courtesy and christian kindness shown in tendering the use of their Church to the Convention during its Session.

After singing the 27th Hymn, with Prayer and the benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned, *sine die*.

JAMES H. OTEY, *President.*

J. T. WHEAT, *Secretary.*

[During the sitting of the Convention, Morning and Evening Prayer was daily said and a sermon preached on each occasion.

On Sunday, 23d July, being the 5th after Trinity, the Bishop admitted to the Diaconate Mr. Frederick Elwell and Mr. Thomas B. Lawson. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Mr. Tomes of the diocese of Missouri, assisted in the lessons by the Rev. Mr. Humes, Rector of St. John's Church, Knoxville, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Wheat, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Columbia.]

APPENDIX.

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

BROTHERS OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY:

In compliance with the requisitions of the Canon, I proceed to lay before you an account of the official duties and services in which I have been engaged since we last met together in Convention.

June 19, 1847.—I confirmed *ten* persons in St. Peter's Church, Columbia.

June 20.—In the same church I admitted to the order of Deacons Mr. Edward Fontaine, a candidate for orders in the diocese of Mississippi, and Mr. A. B. Russell belonging to this diocese. Morning prayer was read by the Rev. J. W. Rogers and a sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. Wheat. On this occasion I also baptized *twelve* adults and administered the holy communion. In the afternoon of the same day after prayers by Rev. Mr. Russell and sermon by Rev. Edward Fontaine I confirmed *thirty-seven* persons, consisting chiefly of pupils belonging to the Columbia Female Institute, and to the school at Mercer Hall.

July 11.—I preached in St. John's Church, Ashwood, after prayers by the Rev. Mr. Harrison and confirmed *one* person. At the same time I administered the communion.

July 18.—In Christ Church, Nashville, after prayers by the Rev. Dr. Wheat, I preached in the morning and again in the afternoon and confirmed *seven* persons.

July 19.—At night after prayers by Rev. Mr. Crane and sermon by Rev. Dr. Wheat, I confirmed *eight* persons in Trinity Church, Clarksville.

July 20.—In the same Church Dr. Wheat read prayers, when I baptized two children, preached and then confirmed *two* persons.

From this time till the 13th November, I was absent from the diocese for the purpose of recovering my health which had become very feeble, and of attending the General Convention of our Church. During this absence I was called on to officiate on several interesting occasions, which may here very properly be mentioned.

July 25.—I preached at the ordination of Mr. Ramsdale in Christ Church, Louisville, to the order of Deacons by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Smith of Kentucky. After this I preached at St. Paul's Church, Louisville—several times at the Virginia Springs and at many other places on my way to New-York. At Liberty, Va., acting under authority from the Bishop of Virginia, I consecrated a Church to the worship of Almighty God and held a confirmation. I performed these services with a peculiar gratification, as being in the vicinity where I was born, and where were passed the happy years of my childhood and youth, and where in those early days, the solemn forms of our Liturgy were unknown and unheard.

In the month of October I attended in my place the meetings of the House of

Bishops during the session of the General Convention, held in the city of New-York. The Journal of the Convention having been published and distributed, makes it unnecessary for me to remark on the character of its proceedings. I returned home on the 13th November, and resumed the discharge of parochial duties to the congregation of St. Peter's Church, Columbia.

Feb. 13th, 1848.—In St. John's Church, Ashwood, prayers being said by the Rev. Mr. Noble, I baptized an infant and the Rev. Mr. Cressy preached; after which I ordained to the Priesthood the Rev. John A. Harrison, the minister of the parish.

Feb. 20.—At St. Mark's Church, Williamsport, where the congregation has been supplied with lay-reading by Mr. Wm. M. Steel, a candidate for orders in this diocese, I read morning prayer, baptized an infant and celebrated the holy communion.

March 12.—Preached morning and afternoon at Christ Church, Nashville, after prayers by the Rector. The next day I was called to officiate at the funeral of Mrs. Catharine R. Dickinson, an exemplary member of the Church and one of the first that attached herself to our communion in this diocese.

April 12.—I again preached in the morning and afternoon in Christ Church, Nashville, and confirmed nine persons.

April 15.—In Trinity Church, Clarksville, I preached after morning and evening prayer by Rev. Dr. Wheat.

April 16.—After prayers I preached in the same Church, confirmed four persons and administered the communion.

April 21.—Good Friday.—After prayers by the Rev. Dr. Page, I preached in Calvary church, Memphis.

April 22.—Administered the holy communion to a very aged member of the church at her own house, and at night confirmed five persons in Calvary church.

April 23.—Easter day.—After prayers by Dr. Page I preached in the morning, and afternoon, administering the communion in the forenoon. From this time onward, till the 16th June, I was engaged in the visitation of the diocese of Mississippi.

June 16.—I preached in Calvary church, Memphis.

June 18.—In the same church I preached in the morning and afternoon, and confirmed twelve persons.

June 22.—At Immanuel church, Lagrange, I preached morning and afternoon and baptized two infants.

June 23.—Celebrated evening prayer and preached in St. James' church, Bolivar. The venerable Rector of this church, the Rev. Dr. Stephens, was in so feeble health as to be unable to take any part in the services.

June 25.—At St. Luke's church, Jackson, I read morning and evening prayer, preaching on both these occasions and on the latter, confirming one person.

July 9.—After prayers and sermon by Rev. Dr. Wheat, I confirmed two persons in St. Peters' church, Columbia. In the afternoon of the same day at St. John's church, Ashwood, after prayers by Rev. Mr. Cressy and sermon by Dr. Page I confirmed eleven persons. Of these, eight were servants belonging to the neighboring plantations. This church was built and the services of a minister secured with a special reference to the religious benefit of this class of people; and the good confession made before many persons, by these eight servants, fur-

nishes encouragement to the hopes of the pious and liberal founders of this church that their work will be accepted and blessed by the Lord.

From the foregoing it will be perceived that in six parishes there have been confirmed 109 persons since the last Convention. The congregations at Somerville, Randolph, in Tipton county, at Brownsville and at Franklin have yet to be visited, in all of which there are persons desirous of being confirmed.

The clerical changes to be noted are the following: The Rev. Charles Tomes has been transferred to the diocese of New-York—the Rev. John A. Harrison and the Rev. James Stephenson to the diocese of Missouri.

The Rev. D. C. Page, D. D., from Mississippi, and the Rev. E. H. Cressey from Missouri, have been received into the diocese: the former invited to the Rectorship of Calvary church, Memphis, vacated by the lamented death of our beloved Brother, the Rev. P. W. Alston—the latter to the Rectorship of St. John's church, Ashwood, resigned by the Rev. John A. Harrison.

The Rev. Wm. H. Burton since his ordination has been laboring as a Missionary in Fayette and Tipton counties and is still so engaged, but under the discouragement of very feeble health.

The Rev. A. B. Russell, ordained a Deacon at the close of our last Convention, has since that time been employed in teaching at Columbia and in occasional services rendered to the congregation of St. Peter's church, Columbia, and to the neighboring parishes. He has recently entered into an arrangement to assist the Rev. Mr. Crane in a school at Clarksville, and perform missionary labor in the neighborhood.

The Rev. J. W. Rogers having resigned his missionary stations in the Western district, has taken charge of St. Paul's church, Franklin. It is gratifying to learn that this oldest, but long depressed, congregation in the diocese is recovering its spirit under the zealous and efficient ministrations of Mr. Rogers. Meanwhile the congregations at Randolph, Covington and in Tipton county lately under Mr. R.'s care, are without the services of a minister, and although willing to provide to the extent of their ability for the support of a clergyman, no one has yet been found disposed to enter this promising field of ministerial exertion.

The Rev. Wm. Fagg has taken charge of Immanuel church, Lagrange, and officiates part of his time for the neighboring congregation of St. Andrew's church, in the diocese of Mississippi. Scarcely any congregation in this diocese has suffered more by death and removals than that of Immanuel church; and recently it has been called to lament the departure of one of its most efficient members. Mr. John Anderson, well known, in this and in the diocese of North Carolina, for his humble piety, and fervent zeal for the church, was called to the reward of the righteous on the 13th of last May, his faith unwavering, his hope bright and cheering to the last. This brief, and incidental notice I consider due to the memory of one of the most exemplary members of our communion I have ever known. It is a pleasure too to record here my sense of his worth, and of the obligations which bound me to value his friendship and now to cherish his memory. "He was in Christ before me," and to his meek, but instructive conversation, to his exemplary deportment witnessed twenty-five years ago, do I now feel that I am greatly indebted under God's blessing, in being turned away from the love of this world, to seek Christ and the peace which he alone can give.—Truly may it be said of him, "a good name is better than precious ointment," and that "his memory shall be blessed!"

The Rev. Dr. Wheat has resigned the rectorship of Christ church, Nashville, and expects shortly to remove to Columbia for the purpose of establishing a school which we may hope with God's blessing will supply the immediate wants of the youth of the church in this diocese for intellectual and religious teaching, and ultimately contribute largely to the education and preparation of a native and efficient ministry to labor in the cause of Christ and the church in the Southwest. I need not detain you by any remarks to show the importance of such an agency to meet our great and pressing wants in these respects. Its necessity is obvious to all, and our destitution—vacant parishes and unoccupied stations, whence the cry for help reaches us in urgent and earnest appeals—are stronger arguments than any reasonings which I could employ, to move us all to united and vigorous exertion for accomplishing the object which has been named. As early as the year 1832 the convention of the church in this diocese placed upon its Journal the following declaration, viz: "Whereas this convention is deeply sensible of the great want of clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, and also of the wants of our sister churches of the Southern and Southwestern States generally: And whereas we believe that the interests of this church can only be advanced in those sections of the Union above alluded to, by providing ministers of piety and learning to labor at her destitute altars: And also, that the cause of true religion and learning may be most effectually promoted, by providing for the instruction of those who are preparing for Holy Orders—therefore Resolved, That the convention pledge themselves, if funds can be obtained, to establish at some eligible location in this Diocese, a Classical and Theological seminary of learning, in order to educate, or aid in the education of persons who are desirous of obtaining Holy Orders."

In pursuance of the objects herein stated, measures were taken to procure funds in the year 1836, and the work was entered upon with every promise of entire success. A very advantageous charter was granted by the Legislature and large sums of money pledged in this State and in Mississippi, to found and endow the proposed seminary. Unfortunately for our hopes so fondly cherished, the financial distress which overspread the country in 1837 and in the few years succeeding, defeated the whole scheme, and the only efforts made since, which looked to classical and theological education in connection with the church in this diocese have been of a private character. The school established at my own house for boys, who were instructed in part by candidates for orders, fully met my expectations during the four years it was in existence. But my own enfeebled health, and necessary absences from home in the discharge of Episcopal duties, added to distressing family afflictions, obliged me last year to relinquish it, and dismiss the pupils whom I had gathered together. Since the adjournment of the last convention Col. Andrew J. Polk, of Ashwood, Maury county, impressed with the importance of this subject, has with a liberality, which I trust may provoke others to good works, as well as bring a rich reward to his own soul, placed at my disposal the sum of \$1500 for the establishment of a diocesan school in Maury county. This money is now loaned out at legal interest. Some other gentlemen in Maury county have promised subscriptions to the same object amounting in all to about \$1500 more. I respectfully suggest that this convention take the subject into consideration and adopt such measures as in its wisdom shall be deemed best calculated to attain the ends contemplated.

There are at present six candidates for orders in this diocese, namely: Wm. L.

White, Thomas B. Lawson, William M. Steel, Frederick Elwell, J. H. Ingraham and M. S. Royce. Of these it is expected that Messrs. Elwell and Lawson will be admitted to Deacon's Orders, on the ensuing Lord's day.

Before closing this address I wish to call the attention of those of my Brethren of the Clergy having parochial charge, and through them to invite the attention of their people, to a subject intimately connected as I conceive with the honor and prosperity of the church in this diocese, and directly concerning the comfort of ministers and their congregations. It is well known that not a little trouble and difficulty have been experienced in all our parishes to provide for the incidental expenses of maintaining the public worship of God, meeting the assessments of the convention and the like. In many, if not in every instance, the burden of these things falls upon a few liberal-minded men of the congregation, who are thus indirectly taxed to procure benefits in which all the members of the congregation are equal sharers, and to secure which all are under the same obligations.—Now this is obviously wrong—it is something more, it is unbecoming—it is utterly inconsistent with any just pretensions to the character which the Apostle commends in the words, “ whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things.” That christians are required to provide for the maintenance of the services of the sanctuary in a decent manner, there cannot be a question. Argument and persuasion would be thrown away upon him who denies the truth of this proposition. I will not therefore enter into any course of reasoning here to show that it is the duty of the members of Christ's church to give of their worldly substance to support the institutions of religion. I may however be allowed to suggest how this duty may be easily performed and to propose a remedy for the evil complained of. The amount called for, to meet all the claims made upon our congregations, is small, compared with what is actually expended by our people, in ministering to feelings of worldly pride, luxury and show; and thus while the things of the body are cared for, the interests of the immortal soul are neglected. Giving to the cause of Christ with the hope of our offerings being accepted is to be regarded as a privilege. It is one of which none should be deprived. And that all may have an opportunity for its exercise, I propose that every minister having a parochial charge in this diocese, shall institute in his congregation the system of weekly offerings, keep an accurate account of the sums contributed, disburse the same as the vestry may direct, in meeting all claims and demands of whatever kind, that may be made upon the parish. In this way, the burden, if burden it is to be called, will be more equally borne by the members of the congregation. The offering is a free and voluntary act. There is no compulsion in the case whatever. It is simply giving an opportunity to those who esteem it a duty or privilege, to aid in the support of the gospel, to contribute of their worldly substance to that end. All this should be clearly and distinctly stated by the clergy to their congregations. They should inform their people that it is not expected of any man to give, merely because he happens to be present, or be impelled not to withhold because others around him are giving—that an offering prompted by such a motive will bring back no blessing to his own soul—that one chief object contemplated by the practice of weekly offerings, is to bring men to a realizing sense of their dependence upon God—to recognize practically by their conduct as well as by words the force and meaning

of the petition in the Lord's prayer "Give us this day our daily bread." Let the clergy do this, let them not debar their people from an opportunity of discharging their duty—let the people remember that ministers are not asking money for themselves—let them encourage the efforts of their Pastors in every good word and work—let them remember the commendation bestowed on the poor widow who cast in two mites as an offering to the Lord—let "the rich give of their abundance liberally, the poor of their penury cheerfully," and let none of us "despise the day of small things," but look to God for his blessing and work and pray faithfully, and if there be truth in the Lord's promise, if there be wisdom to be learned from experience of the past—from the results obtained by trial of this plan in other dioceses, we may confidently trust that all difficulty in making provision for ordinary parochial expenses, for assessments by the convention, for missionary purposes, for Sunday school books and libraries, will be overcome, and the people find themselves relieved from a tax which otherwise is often felt to be oppressive and annoying. Such at least experience has shown to be the case, where this plan has been fairly tried. It is surely worthy of experiment and I know that many laymen in our communion have expressed an earnest wish that it might be attempted.

That there may be uniformity in the mode of carrying this plan into operation I respectfully recommend that the following order be observed by my reverend brethren of the clergy. On every Lord's day after morning prayer and sermon are ended, let the minister go into the chancel and while he is reading the sentences of the Offertory let the wardens or others appointed for the purpose receive of the people their gifts, which being placed upon the communion table, let the minister use the prayer for the whole state of Christ's church militant, and then dismiss the congregation with the usual benediction.

I am well aware that much may and will be objected to what is here proposed. But this recommendation has been made not without duly considering the objections which are likely to be made, and not without much reflection and advisement with those upon whose wisdom and judgment reliance may be placed. Nothing great and good is ordinarily accomplished, by man for the good of his fellow-men, except at a large expense of labor and patience. Heaven's richest blessings were purchased at a cost, to name which, worlds become valueless in the comparison. It is enough for us to remember that Christ the Lord of all, "became poor that we through his poverty might be made rich,"—to furnish the argument and the motive to us, to consecrate ourselves and all that we have and all that we can do, to his service and to the promotion of his cause in the world. We may be reminded too, especially at this time when the nations of the old world are thrown into terrible commotion and threatened with the desolating ravages of war and the miseries of anarchy, that we inhabit a country upon which Heaven continues to smile propitiously, and that we are thus laid under renewed obligations of love and obedience—that religion is here left to the free and voluntary support of the people without any compulsion from law, that the honor of religion as well as the honor of our beloved country is staked upon the experiment now being made of our willingness and of our ability to uphold the public worship of God, and that every man therefore has in this subject a personal interest and an individual responsibility from which there is no escape. If we do not our duty ours is the loss and ours the disgrace.

I have several times been requested to set forth a Third Service to be used on

occasions of public worship where the Morning and Evening Service of the church has already been celebrated in the course of the same day. In compliance with the wishes expressed and to meet the seldom recurring exigency here referred to, I recommend the following order to be observed.

First, let the minister begin the Evening Service in the usual way by reading one or more of the sentences—the exhortation—the general confession—one of the forms of absolution—the Lord's prayer and the versicles and gloria patri immediately following.

Next let him use one of the selections of Psalms preceding the Psalter and then read for the lesson a chapter from the New Testament. After this let one of the Anthems in the evening service be said or sung—let this be followed by the creed, the versicles next succeeding, the collect for the day, the first two collects in the evening prayer; viz: the “collect for peace” and the “collect for aid against peril”—then the “prayer for the whole state of Christ's church militant,” concluding with the last collect in the communion office, and the minor benediction—*2 Cor. xiii. 14.*

The past year has been marked by the occurrence, to some of us brethren, of heavy and grievous afflictions. Death has been busy in our families and in our flocks, and we have felt the need not only of praying for ourselves but also of the prayers of others that our faith fail not. May a gracious God be pleased to sanctify to us all the bereavements and sorrows which his wisdom and mercy have seen necessary for the improvement of our spiritual characters and for the correction and amendment of what he has seen amiss in us. But while thus remembering the rod and Him who appoints it, we should be ungrateful not to recognize the many tokens of our Heavenly Father's love as witnessed to us in the restoration of peace to our beloved country—in the fruitful seasons with which we have been blessed—in the continuance of the means of grace and salvation vouchsafed to us,—in the peace and harmony of the diocese and in the determination of both clergy and people to walk in the old paths which our Fathers trod, and have nothing to do with schemes to expose errors and arrest the progress of alleged corruptions, through the instrumentality of self-constituted judges and irresponsible associations.

For these and all other mercies and blessings God's holy name be ever blessed through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Your faithful friend and affectionate Pastor,

Knoxville, July 21, 1848.

JAS. H. OTEY.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

1848, Feb. 4th.—Rev. John A. Harrison, Deacon, was recommended to the Bishop for Priest's Orders.
 20th March.—Joseph H. Ingraham was recommended to the Bishop as a candidate for Orders.
 28th June. —Moses Strong Royce was recommended to the Bishop as a candidate for Orders.
 4th July. —Frederick Elwell was recommended to the Bishop for Deacon's Orders.
 11th July. —Thomas B. Lawson was recommended to the Bishop for Deacon's Orders.

J. T. WHEAT, President.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION AND MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

As Chairman of the Education and Missionary Committee of the diocese I report that appropriations have been made from the funds of the same to

Rev. J. W. Rogers	- - - - -	\$100
" William H. Burton	- - - - -	100
" Mr. Whitesides	- - - - -	70

July 21, 1848. JAS. H. OTEY.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, NASHVILLE.

The late Rector reports to the Bishop the following statement from the register of the Parish.

Families,	- - - - -	67
Marriages,	- - - - -	2
Funerals,	- - - - -	19
Baptisms—5 Adults, 23 Infants,	- - - - -	28
Confirmations,	- - - - -	19
Communicants,	{ Removed, Deceased, Added past year,	5 } 6 } 22 } Present No. 115
Sunday School—12 Teachers,	- - - - -	95
Church Offerings,	\$347 50	
Convention Assessment,	20 00	
Repairs of the Church, (about)	2000 00	
	—————	\$2,367 50

J. T. WHEAT.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, COLUMBIA.

Baptisms—12 Adults, 6 Infants, - - - - - 18
 Of these infants 4 were baptized in private and 2 belonged to other parishes.

Communicants,	{ Fornier No. Added, Removed, Died,	36 } 10 } 3 } 1 } Present No. 42
Confirmations,	- - - - -	47

Of these the greater number were pupils of the Columbia Female Institute and Mercer Hall, and being admitted to the communion, only those are reckoned among the communicants above, whose permanent residence was at Columbia.

Burials,		6
Collections—for American Colonization Society, July 4, 1847,		\$20 00
" —for Parochial purposes,		22 70
" —for Episcopate,		100 00
" —for Contingent Expenses of Convention,		10 00
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		\$152 70

In consequence of repeated and long absences on Episcopal duty, I have not had opportunity to make collections for missions and other purposes. The undersigned has resigned his parochial charge into the hands of the Rev. Dr. Wheat.

July 20th, 1848.

JAS. H. OTEY.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, FRANKLIN.

The minister appointed, May 1st, to the charge of St. Paul's, Franklin, respectfully reports to the Bishop:

That several families evince a lively interest in the church. He has officiated twice every Sunday.

Communicants,

J. W. ROGERS.

TRINITY CHURCH, CLARKSVILLE.

The Rector of Trinity Church, Clarksville, respectfully reports to the Rt. Rev.: the Bishop of the Diocese, the following statement copied from his Parish Register:

Baptized—Adults 4, Children 5,		9
Confirmed,		14
Communicants,	{ Added, Removed, (Died,	13 } 6 } 1 }
		Present No. 48
Funerals,		2
Contributed to the support of the Episcopate,		\$75
" to a domestic Missionary station,		12
" to Pension Fund,		5

During the past year the tower of the Church has been renewed, the basement completed, and other improvements have been made.

WM. C. CRANE.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, LAGRANGE.

The Rector of Immanuel Church, Lagrange, reports:

That during the past year he has had charge of Immanuel Church, Lagrange, and of St. Andrew's Church, Marshall county, Mississippi. At Lagrange there have been

Baptisms—Infants,		8
Marriages,		3
Funerals,		3
Communicants,	{ Former No. Deceased, (Added,	25 } 1 } 5 }
		Present No. 29

Contributions— for the Episcopate,		\$26 49
" at Comm. for Parochial purposes,		8 00
" Raised by the Ladies of the parish for repairing and improving the church, about		70 00
" Weekly Offerings during the year,		5 00
" for Missions, by Mrs. Wright,		2 00

WILLIAM FAGG.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSON.

Communicants,		25
Marriages,		2
Funerals,		2
Baptisms— Infants,		5
Confirmation,		1
Sunday Scholars,		24
" School Teachers,		6
Episcopate Fund,		\$50 00
Assessment for contingent expenses,		5 00

ZION CHURCH, BROWNSVILLE.

Communicants,		24
Marriages,		1
The Rector has performed no other official acts excepting the regular services of Sunday.		L. JANSEN,
July 10, 1848.		Rector & Missionary.

CALVARY CHURCH, MEMPHIS.

The Rector would respectfully report to the Bishop, that he took charge of Calvary Church on the Festival of the Nativity, 1847 ; having occasionally officiated for the congregation however, at intervals between that time and the August preceding. Within that time he has performed the following official acts, viz :

Baptisms— Adults 7, Infants 19,		26
Marriages,		7
Burials,		10
Confirmations,		17
Communicants,	{ Died, { Added, 5} Present No.	112

Contributed to the support of the Episcopate, \$210 00
Contingent Fund, 10 00

For Domestic Missions, 107 35

About \$1700 have been raised chiefly by members of the congregation towards the erection of a tower, which has been commenced, and it is hoped will be finished by the 1st of September next, and which when completed will render the building not only ornamental to the city, but more worthy, than from its dilapidated condition it has hitherto been, of the high and sacred objects to which it is set apart.

The Rector would further state that, having long been deeply impressed with the importance of the Daily Service to the highest spiritual welfare of a parish, and of the consequent obligation to establish it in all cases where it is not absolutely impracticable, he accordingly commenced the use of the Daily Morning Prayer on the Monday in Easter week, and ever since that time has regularly kept it up. A respectable number of the Parishioners have been constantly in attendance, and while some of them are unable to attend by reason of the remoteness of their residence from the Church, those who have it in their power to

do we regard it as an inestimable privilege, and are ready to say with the Psalmist, How amiable are thy tabernacles O Lord of hosts! Blessed are they who dwell in thy house, they will be always praising thee.

D. C. PAGE.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, KNOXVILLE.

The Rector of St. John's Church, Kuoxville, reports to the Bishop as follows:

Baptisms—Adults 1, Children 8,								9
Communicants,	{ Former No.	40						
	{ Added,	15						
	{ Deceased,	4						
Burials,								8
Monthly offerings at communion :								
Assessment for Episcopate,						\$60 00		
Contingent expenses of Convention,						5 00		
Fund for aged and infirm Clergymen,						10 00		
Permanent Episcopate Fund,						6 50		
Board of Domestic Missions,						20 00		
Incidental expenses of the Church,						171 43		
								\$272 93

It is not expected that the communion offerings will be as large hereafter, as they have formerly been, for the reason that the congregation have subscribed to the amount of between \$500 and \$600 per annum for church purposes generally, including the salary of the Rector and the Episcopate assessment. Previously, all their donations were given at the monthly communion. Having found that enough would not be provided in that way to secure, besides other necessary uses, even a meagre salary for the minister, the plan of subscription has been resorted to.

Some twelve candidates are waiting to receive the rite of confirmation from the hands of the Bishop, during the present Convention.

I have baptized at Greenville, three adults and seven children, and the Rev. J. D. McCabe of V.a., one infant belonging to the new and interesting parish at that place.

All which is respectfully submitted.

July 20, 1848.

THOS. W. HUMES.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MAURY COUNTY.

Baptisms—Whites, Adults 4, Infants 6,								10
" Colored, " 8, " 39,								47
Confirmations, whites 6, colored 8,								14
Communicants, " 18, " 8,								26
Marriages, " 1, " 1,								2
Funerals, " 9, " 3,								12
Weekly offerings, assessment for Episcopate,						\$60 00		
Contingent Expenses,						5 00		
Sunday School Books,						16 00		
Other Parochial purposes,						16 30		
The Poor,						1 00		
								98 30

The undersigned has been in charge of this parish since the first of April.—
The catechetical classes of colored children have been recently re-organized.
July 10, 1848.

E. H. CRESSEY, Rector.

COLUMBIA, July 1848.

Rt. REV. AND DEAR SIR:

I beg leave respectfully to report that for the last year my time has been employed as follows: On Sundays, I have generally officiated in Columbia and vicinity, having preached at Williamsport three times, at Franklin four times, at St. John's, Ashwood, three times. I have married one couple, baptized two infants and buried four persons. I have been associated with Mr. Steel, during the year as teacher of the Columbia Grammar School, engaging a part of my time one session as teacher in the Columbia Female Institute.

Very respectfully,

A. B. RUSSELL.

To the Rt. Rev. J. H. Otey, D. D., Bishop of Tennessee.

COLUMBIA FEMALE INSTITUTE.

TO THE RT. REV. BISHOP OTEY:

The Rector respectfully reports that in the midst of increasing competition the Institute not only holds its own, but is steadily advancing in a substantial and permanent prosperity. Indeed, its prospect of usefulness amongst the most approved agencies of the Church in the great cause of sound learning and just religious influence, was never brighter than at this moment.

July 20, 1848.

F. G. SMITH.

DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Annual meeting was held on Saturday 22d July; the Bishop presiding, and the Rev. Dr. Wheat acting Secretary and Treasurer.

The following subscriptions for the current year were received:

Rt. Rev. J. H. Otey, D.D.,	\$2 00	Mrs. Mary Wright,	2 00
" Dr. Page,	2 00	Miss Mary C. Humes,	2 00
" Dr. Wheat,	2 00	Dr. Rose, (of Memphis,) 1 55	
" T. W. Humes,	2 00	Miss Susan Hatch,	1 00
" J. W. Rogers,	2 00	A donation by the hands of	
" T. B. Lawson,	2 00	Dr. Page,	5 00
" F. Elwell,	2 00	A contribution fm Immanuel,	
Hon. Judge Reese,	2 00	Lagrange,	5 00
Mr. Wm. L. White,	2 00	Amount of collection in St.	
" H. A. M. White,	2 00	John's, Knoxville,	18 00
" S. W. Bell,	2 00		
Mrs. Dr. Ramsey,	2 00	Total,	\$58 55

COMPLETE LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS,

In the order of Parishes, together with the amount which will be due in 1849.

NASHVILLE.		Mrs. Ann Lynch,	4
John Shelby, M. D.,	\$4	" P. Kirk,	8
Mrs. Shelby,	4	" Eliza L. Martin,	8
" D. Read,	8	" F. B. Fogg,	4
" H. Campbell,	8	" Mrs. Fogg,	4
" L. Brown,	8	" John Baird,	4
		" Mrs. Baird,	4

FRANKLIN:

None reported.

COLUMBIA:

W. J. Polk, M. D.,
 James Walker,
 Charles Smith, M. D.,
 Edward Sheegog,
 D. MacLeod
 Mrs. MacLeod,
 " Wormley,
 Edmund Frierson,
 William J. Steele,

CLARKSVILLE:

Miss Mary Ward,
 J. O. Shackleford,
 Dr. Donoho,
 J. P. Wendel,
 Mrs. M. Barker,
 Coleman Williams,
 Mrs. C. Williams,

LAGRANGE:

Mrs. John Anderson,
 " M. H. Gloster,
 " M. Wright,
 J. W. Burton,
 Mrs. M. Potts,
 " Beauchelle,
 " S. Cotton,
 T. R. Polk,
 G. J. Comitt,
 J. J. Potts,
 T. G. Anderson,

JACKSON:

Mr. Caruthers,
 Mrs. Caruthers,
 " McCorry,
 " Talbot,
 Miss Lucy J. Hunt,
 S. Outerbridge,
 W. H. Burgess,
 Mrs. Burgess,
 Dr. J. D. Mason,
 Mrs. Mason,
 " E. Henderson,
 Miss Patterson,
 Mrs. Dr. R. Fenner,
 " Rd. Fenner,
 Hon. John Reed,
 Mrs. Reed,
 " Col. R. Taylor,
 " M. J. Stoddart,
 " E. Henderson,
 Miss M. Patterson,

RANDOLPH:

James J. Alston,	94
Mrs. E. P. Alston,	4
Miss M. H. Alston,	4
" M. H. Alston, Jr.,	4
" Annie S. Alston,	4
4 Mrs. Newman,	8
4 " J. D. Sherman,	8
4 Ruffin Smith,	8

BROWNSVILLE:

8 Mrs. R. Chilton,	4
8 S. M. Ashe,	4
2 Mrs. M. L. Rogers,	4
W E. Rogers,	4
H. A. Rogers,	4
6 Mrs. M. S. Ashe,	4
6 Dr. Oldham,	4
8 Mrs. Oldham,	4
8 A. S. Oldham,	4
8 R. H. Oldham,	4
8 Miss S. E. Jett,	6
8 J. F. Jett,	8
E. H. Shepherd,	8

MEMPHIS:

6 Mrs. M. Alston,	6
6 A. Scrymsegour Alston,	6
6 Mrs. Dr. Watkins,	6
6 " Leroy Pope,	6
8 " E. Woods,	6
8 Thomas J. Kean,	6
8 Miss S. Hatch,	3
8 " M. Watkins,	8
8 E. W. Rowlett,	8
8 J. G. Lonsdale,	8
8 J. W. Quarles,	8
8 A. O. Harris,	8
8 Mrs. Harris,	8
4 Ed. Reed Harris,	8
4 J. T. Trezvant,	8
6 Mrs. Trezvant,	8
6 James Rose,	8
4 Mrs. S. Polk,	8
6 S. P. Walker,	8
6 Mrs. Walker,	8
6 Capt. Booth,	8
6 Mrs. Booth,	8
6 Col. Pope,	8
6 Dr. E. T. Rose,	2 45
6 M. Shanks,	8
6 Edmund Bray,	8
6 Mrs. Wood,	8
6 T. J. Kean,	8
6 Mrs. Barnet,	4

BOLIVAR:

4 Mrs. S. A. Miller,	6
4 " Peters,	6

Miss A. E. Flinbaugh,
D. M. Stephens,

WILLIAMSPORT:
None reported.

KNOXVILLE:
Hon. Judge Reese,
William L. White,
H. A. M. White,
S. W. Bell,
Mrs. Dr. Ramsey,
" M. Wright,
Miss M. C. Humes,

		ASHWOOD:	\$4
6	L. J. Polk, George Polk, Mrs. Polk, " Sarah Polk,	6 6 6 6	
		TRINITY, TIPTON CO.	
2	Mrs. M. G. Taylor, Samuel T. Taylor, George T. Taylor,	6 6 6	
		GREENVILLE:	
2	None reported.	2	

SCHEDULE REPORTED BY THE COMMITTEE.

		Conting't. Ex.	Episcopate.
Christ Church,	Nashville,	\$20	\$300
St. Paul's "	Franklin,	5	20
St. Peter's "	Columbia,	10	200
Trinity "	Clarksville,	10	100
Immanuel "	Lagrange,	5	65
St. Luke's "	Jackson,	5	75
Zion "	Brownsville,	5	25
Calvary "	Memphis,	15	300
St. James' "	Bolivar,	5	45
St. John's "	Knoxville,	5	75
St. John's "	Ashwood,	5	100
St. Mark's "	Williamsport,	5	15
Trinity "	Tipton county,	5	20
St. Paul's "	Randolph,	5	20
Congregation at Covington,		5	15
Congregation &c. at Athens &c. E. Tenn.,		5	40
Greenville Parish, Greenville,		5	25

All which is respectfully submitted.

\$115 \$1440
W. H. SNEED, Chairman.

SCHEDULE PREFERRED BY THE BISHOP.

Christ Church,	Nashville,	-	-	-	-	-	\$250
Calvary "	Memphis,	-	-	-	-	-	250
St. Peter's "	Columbia,	-	-	-	-	-	100
St. John's "	Ashwood,	-	-	-	-	-	60
St. John's "	Knoxville,	-	-	-	-	-	50
St. Luke's "	Jackson,	-	-	-	-	-	50
Trinity, "	Clarksville	-	-	-	-	-	50
Immanuel, "	Lagrange,	-	-	-	-	-	25
St. James' "	Bolivar,	-	-	-	-	-	40
St. Paul's "	Randolph,	-	-	-	-	-	10
Trinity "	Tipton county,	-	-	-	-	-	10
Zion "	Brownsville,	-	-	-	-	-	20
St. Mark's "	Williamsport,	-	-	-	-	-	5
St. Paul's "	Franklin,	-	-	-	-	-	5
Greenville, "	Greenville,	-	-	-	-	-	5

\$330

TREASURER'S REPORT.

In consequence of the absence of the former Treasurer of the Convention, the subscriber is unable to exhibit here the usual statement of his accounts. That of each parish will be presented at the time prescribed by the Canon of — which see.

The following sums have been received since the subscriber came into office.
On account of the Contingent Fund:

From St. Peter's Church, Columbia,	-	-	-	-	\$10 00
" St. Luke's " Jackson,	-	-	-	-	5 00
" Calvary " Memphis,	-	-	-	-	10 00
" St. John's " Knoxville,	-	-	-	-	5 00
" St. John's " Ashwood,	-	-	-	-	5 00
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					\$35 00

Support of the Episcopate for the Ecclesiastical year 1847-8:

St. Luke's Church, Jackson,	-	-	-	-	\$50 00
Calvary " Memphis,	-	-	-	-	210 00
St. Peter's " Columbus,	-	-	-	-	100 00
St. John's " Ashwood,	-	-	-	-	60 00
St. John's " Knoxville,	-	-	-	-	60 00
Immanuel " Lagrange,	-	-	-	-	56 40
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\$536 40
J. T. WHEAT, *Treasurer.*

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with a form of prayer.
2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.
3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the House, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.
4. Every member speaking in debate shall rise from his seat, and, without advancing, shall respectfully address the President, confining his observations strictly to the point in debate.
5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without permission from the President.
6. A question being once determined, shall not again be brought before the house, unless on a motion for reconsideration made by one of the majority.
7. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded; and reduced to writing, when required.
8. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken immediately, and without debate.

LIST OF COMMITTEES, &c.

Standing Committee.

Rev. J. T. Wheat, D. D., Pres., Rev. Willman C. Crane, F. B. Fogg and John Shelby, M. D.

Delegates to General Convention.

Of the clergy, W. C. Crane, Thos. W. Humes, Rev. D. C. Page, D. D., J. T. Wheat, D. D., of the laity, F. B. Fogg, W. H. Stephens, Lucius J. Polk and Dr. Samuel Oldham.

Missionary and Education.

Rev. Messrs. Cressey and Wheat, L. J. Polk and Wm. J. Polk, M. D.

Book Depository.

Rev. Messrs. Crane and Wheat, John Shelby, M. D. and M. Watson.

Episcopate Fund.

F. B. Fogg and Thomas Maney.

Pension Fund.

Rev. Messrs. Crane and Wheat, John Shelby, M. D., and M. Watson.

Trustees of General Theological Seminary.

Rev. J. T. Wheat, D. D., and F. B. Fogg.

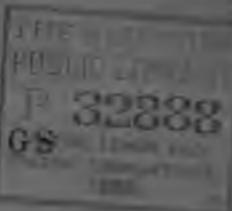
Secretary and Treasurer.

Rev. J. T. Wheat, D. D., of Columbia.

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LIST OF CLERGYMEN

ENTITLED TO SEATS IN THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION OF
THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, IN TENNESSEE.

1. Rt. Rev. JAMES HERVEY OTEY, D. D., DIOCESEAN.
2. Rev. WILLIAM C. CRANE, *Rector of Trinity Church, Clarksville.*
3. " E. HARRISON CRESSEY, " St. John's " Ashwood.
4. " WILLIAM FAGG, " Immanuel " La Grange.
5. " WILLIAM H. GOOD,* Greenville Parish, Greenville.
6. " THOMAS W. HUMES,* " St. John's Church, Knoxville.
7. " LEWIS JANSEN, " St. James' " Bolivar.
8. " J. W. McCULLOUGH, D. D., " St. Luke's, " Jackson.
9. " DAVID C. PAGE, D. D., " Calvary " Memphis.
10. " JAMES W. ROGERS, " St. Paul's " Franklin.
11. " F. G. SMITH,* " Female Institute, Columbia.
12. " CHARLES TOME, " Christ Church, Nashville.
13. " JOHN T. WHEAT, D. D.,* " St. Peter's Church, Columbia.
14. " FREDERICK ELWELL,* Deacon, Assistant Min. St. John's, Knoxville.
15. " AMBROSE B. RUSSELL,* " Prof. College, Clarksville.
16. " WILLIAM M. STEEL, " Missionary in Tipton County.

Clergymen belonging to the diocese, but not entitled to seats.

17. Rev. DANIEL STEPHENS, D. D., Residing in Bolivar.
18. " JOHN P. T. INGRAHAM.
19. " THOMAS B. LAWSON, Deacon, absent on leave.
20. " S. SHERWELL, " Teacher in Pennsylvania.
21. " J. A. WHEELOCK, Admitted to the Diaconate on the Sunday after the Convention.

LIST OF PARISHES AND DELEGATES.

1. <i>Christ Church Nashville,</i>	(MATTHEW WATSON, *
2. <i>St. Peter's Church, Columbia,</i>	{ D. M. McCLEERY, *
3. <i>St. Paul's</i> " <i>Franklin,</i>	{ J. H. DE LA HAY.
4. <i>Trinity</i> " <i>Clarksville,</i>	None reported.
5. <i>Immanuel</i> " <i>La Grange</i>	None reported.
6. <i>St. Luke's</i> " <i>Jackson,</i>	{ B. T. WHITNEY, *
7. <i>St. Paul's</i> " <i>Randolph,</i>	{ W. J. CARTNER, *
8. <i>Zion,</i> " <i>Brownsville,</i>	{ J. A. WHEELOCK.
9. <i>Calvary</i> " <i>Memphis,</i>	{ GEORGE G. COSSITT,
10. <i>St. James'</i> " <i>Bolivar,</i>	{ A. B. GLOSTER,
11. <i>St. Mark's</i> " <i>Williamsport,</i>	{ THOS. H. KEAN.
12. <i>St. John's</i> " <i>Knoxville,</i>	None reported.
13. <i>Trinity,</i> " <i>Tipton,</i>	None reported.
14. <i>St. John's</i> " <i>Maury County,</i>	{ DR. ROBERT H. OLDHAM.
15. <i>Greenville Parish, Greene County.</i>	{ JAMES P. WOOD, *

* Not present at the Convention.

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IMMANUEL CHURCH, La Grange,
Wednesday May, 2, 1849. }

THE Twenty-first Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the diocese of Tennessee, met in Immanuel Churh, La Grange, on the 2d of May, 1849; being the place and time appointed by the last Convention.

After morning Prayer and a Sermon, the Rt. Rev. JAMES HERVEY OTEY, D. D., Diocesan, and *EX OFFICIO* President of the Convention, caused to be read the list of clergymen entitled to seats; of whom there were present:

Rev. William C. Crane,	Rector of Trinity Church, Clarksville.
" E. Harrison Cressey,	" St. John's " Maury County.
" Wm. Fagg,	" Immanuel " La Grange.
" J. W. McCullough, D. D.,	" St. Luke's " Jackson.
" D. C. Page, D. D.,	" Calvary " Memphis.
" James W. Rogers,	" St. Paul's " Franklin.
" Charles Tomes,	" Christ " Nashville.
" Wm. M. Steel, Deacon,	Missionary in Tipton County.

The Certificates of Lay Delegates were referred to the Rev. Messrs. Tomes and Crane, as a committee, who reported the following as duly appointed:

<i>Christ Church, Nashville,</i>	{ Matthew Watson, D. M. McCleery, J. H. De La Hay.
<i>Calvary Church, Memphis,</i>	{ Henry G. Smith, J. Delafield, jr. R. H. Weller.
<i>Trinity Church, Clarksville,</i>	{ B. T. Whitney, W. J. Cartner, J. A. W'heelock.
<i>St. John's Church, Maury County,</i>	{ Lucius J. Polk, George W. Polk, Chas. Isidore Compte de Miotis.
<i>Immanuel Church, La Grange,</i>	{ George G. Cossitt, A. B. Gloster, Thos. H. Kean.
<i>Zion Church, Brownsville,</i>	{ Dr. Robert H. Oldham. James P. Wood.

The list being called, the following answered to their names and took their seats :

Immanuel Church, La Grange,, Messrs. Cossitt, Gloster and Kean.

*Christ Church, Nashville,
Calvary Church, Memphis,
Trinity Church, Clarksville,
Zion Church, Brownsville,*

*Mr. De La Hay.
Messrs. Delafield and Wheeler.
Mr. Wheelock.
Dr. Oldham.*

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Cressey, the Canon requiring elections to be made by ballot was dispensed with, and the Rev. Dr. Wheat was unanimously re-elected Secretary and Treasurer. The Rev. Dr. Wheat not being present, the Rev. E. H. Cressey, was elected Secretary and Treasurer *PRO TEMPORE*.

The Rules of Order of the last Convention, after substituting the word **BUSINESS** for **SERVICE**, in the 3d Rule, were adopted for the government of this.

RESOLVED, That clergymen of the diocese not entitled to seats in the Convention, clergymen present from other dioceses, and candidates for Holy Orders, be invited to attend the deliberations of this body.

The Treasurer's Report was then presented, and referred to Messrs. Delafield, De La Hay, and Dr. Oldham, to be audited.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Tomes,

RESOLVED, That a committee on the Constitution and Canons of two clergymen and one layman, be appointed to take into consideration what alterations in the Constitution and Canons may be necessary: and to whom shall be referred all proposed alterations, additions and amendments.

The Bishop appointed for this committee, the Rev. Messrs. Tomes and Page, and Mr. Delafield.

The Convention adjourned to Thursday morning, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock.

Thursday, May 3.

The Convention assembled at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop in the Chair. The roll was called, and the following names were added to the list of lay delegates:

St. John's Church, Knoxville.

{ Hon. Wm. B. Reese,
Hugh A. M. White,
Albert Miller Lea.

Mr. H. G. Smith, of the delegation from Calvary Church, Memphis, appeared and took his seat.

The committee to whom was referred the Treasurer's accounts, reported that they had duly examined the same, and found them correct.

On motion, it was ordered that these accounts, and those of the Treasurer *PRO TEM.* be placed in the hands of the committee on Assessments, for their information.

On motion, it was resolved, unanimously, that we now proceed to the election of officers of the Convention, and that this election be, *viva voce*.

The Rev. Mr. Crane nominated for the Standing committee, Rev. Messrs. Cressey and Tomes, and Messrs. Gloster and Cossitt.

On motion, this nomination was laid upon the table.

The following elections were then duly made:

For Delegates to the General Convention:

The Rev. Mr. Crane,	}	Mr. F. B. Fogg,
" " " Cressey,		" H. G. Smith,
" " Dr. Page,		" G. A. Henry,
" " " Wheat.		" L. J. Polk,

For the Missionary and Education Committee:

Rev. Mr. Cressey,	L. J. Polk,
" Dr. Wheat,	Wm. J. Polk.

Book Depository:

Rev. Mr. Crane,	J. Shelby,
" Dr. Wheat,	M. Watson.

Episcopate Fund:

F. B. Fogg,	Thomas Maney.
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Pension Fund:

Rev. Mr. Crane,	J. Shelby,
" Dr. Wheat,	M. Watson,

Committee of Assessments:

Rev. Mr. Crane,	Mr. De La Hay,
" " Cressey,	" Smith,
" Dr. McCullough,	" Cossitt,
" Mr. Steel,	" Oldham, and Polk.

The Parochial Reports were then read by the Secretary.

Messrs. E. P. McNeill and H. M. Polk, lay delegates from St. James' Church, Bolivar, appeared and took their seats.

The Rev. Mr. Tomes offered the following resolution, which on motion, was laid on the table:

RESOLVED, That the resolution passed at the last Convention, requiring the clergy of this diocese to report the amount of their respective salaries, and how much of the same has been paid, be, and is hereby rescinded.

Adjourned till Friday morning.

Friday morning, May 4.

The Convention assembled at 8½ o'clock, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop in the Chair. The roll was called and the minutes of yesterday read. The Chairman of the Missionary and Education committee made the following

REPORT.

The undersigned, on behalf of the Committee, reports that the only appropriation made during the past year has been one of seventy-five dollars, to the Rev. J. W. Rogers, at Franklin.

JAS. H. OTEY.

May 4, 1849.

The Bishop then read his ADDRESS.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Cressey,

RESOLVED, That so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the Diocesan School, be referred to a committee of three clergymen and two laymen.

The Rev. Mr. Cressey, Drs. Page and McCullough, and Messrs. Delafield and H. M. Polk were appointed this committee.

On motion, the subject of the nomination of the Standing committee was called up, and the Rev. Messrs. Cressey and Tomes, and Messrs. Gloster and Cossitt were elected.

The Rev. Mr. Tomes' motion, rescinding a resolution of the last Convention, was called up. An amendment was proposed, which was accepted by the mover, and the resolution was then passed in the following form:

WHEREAS, In the opinion of this Convention, it is expedient to adopt measures which shall secure to the Pastor of each Parish a suitable maintenance; yet as a doubt exists on the part of many as to the right of the Convention to interfere in that which is a matter of private contract between the Pastor and his flock, therefore

RESOLVED, That the Resolution passed at the last Convention, requiring the clergy of the diocese to report the amount of their respective salaries, and how much of the same has been paid, be, and is, hereby rescinded.

The committee on the Constitution and Canons made a report, which was read and considered.

The Convention then took a recess till after noon service.

The Convention assembled after service. The committee on Assessments made the following report which was received and ordered to be published in the Journal.—(See Report.)

The report of the committee on the Constitution and Canons was again taken up, and further considered. It was proposed to insert in the 4th Article of the Constitution, a provision that the lay delegates to this Convention shall be persons in full communion with the church.

After discussion the Convention took a recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

Friday, 3 o'clock.

The Convention re-assembled. Pitser Miller, Esq. of the lay delegation of St. James, Bolivar, and the Rev. Mr. Jansen, appeared and took their seats.

The Standing committee made a report which was ordered upon the Journal.—(See Report.)

The Standing committee then resigned, and a new election took place, which resulted as follows:

The Rev. Dr. Wheat,	Francis B. Fogg, Esq.,
" " Mr. Tomes,	J. Shelby, M. D.

The report of the committee on the Constitution and Canons was taken up for further consideration. The subject of the proposed amendment to the 4th Article of the Constitution, was postponed till to-morrow. It was proposed to amend Article 8, so as to have the Standing committee composed of three clerical and two lay members. This amendment was agreed to, and laid over for final action at the next Convention.

Canon 1st was then altered and amended so as to read as follows:

Whenever any number of persons, not less than ten, shall associate to form an Episcopal Church, they shall adopt Articles of Association for their government, in which they shall acknowledge and accede to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Tennessee; they shall assume a suitable name by which their church or parish shall be designated, and shall appoint not less than five, nor more than eleven Vestrymen. A certified copy of the Articles of Association, and of the proceedings at their adoption shall then be laid before the Convention for approval, and also a certificate from the Bishop, or in case of his inability to act, or a vacancy in the Episcopate, from a majority of the Standing committee, that notice was given him or them, at least three months before the Convention, of the organization having taken place, and of his or their approval of the same. Delegates from the Church or Parish may then take seats in the Convention, and the Church shall be considered as united to the Convention, and subject to its decisions.

The proposed amendments to the 6th and 7th Canons were laid upon the table.

The Convention then adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow.

Friday, May 5.

The Convention assembled at 8 o'clock, the Bishop in the Chair.

The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The Committee on the Diocesan School made the following

report, which was accepted, and the resolutions adopted.—
(See Report.)

The following persons were nominated and elected as the members of the Executive committee:

The Rev. Dr. Wheat,	Lucius J. Polk,
" " Mr. Cressey,	Andrew J. Polk.

On motion it was resolved that the next Annual Convention be held in St. Paul's Church, Franklin, on the first Wednesday in July, 1850.

Five hundred copies of the Journal with the Appendix, were ordered to be printed.

It was moved that the whole subject of the Report of the Committee on the Constitution and Canons be laid over till the next meeting of the Convention.

The mover consented to withdraw this motion for the purpose of calling up the report for further discussion, and with the privilege of renewing his motion.

The subject of the alterations in the Constitution was then considered and discussed.

The Convention took a recess till 2 1-2 o'clock.

Saturday 2 1-2 o'clock, P.M.

The Convention re-assembled.

The Rev. Mr. Crane offered the following resolution, which was passed.

RESOLVED, That a committee of three clergymen be appointed by the Bishop, to prepare a plan for such Convocations of the clergy as may be deemed conducive to the best interests of the diocese, to report to the next Convention.

The Rev. Messrs. Crane, Dr. Page and Cressey were appointed this committee.

The report of the committee on the Constitution and Canons was again taken up, and the discussion continued.

The motion to lay over the whole matter till the next Convention was then taken and lost.

The Rev. Mr. Jansen then moved that the subject be indefinitely postponed. The ayes and noes being called for, the result was as follows.

CLERICAL VOTE.—Ayes. Messrs. Crane, Fagg, Jansen, McCullough, Rogers and Steel. 6.

Noes. Messrs. Cressey, Page and Tomes.

LAY VOTE.—Ayes. Immanuel Church, La Grange; Zion Church, Brownsville, and St. James' Church, Bolivar. 3.



Noes. Christ Church, Nashville; Trinity Church, Clarksville, and Calvary Church, Memphis. 3.

The motion was therefore lost.

The question came up on the original proposition, namely, so to amend the 4th article of the Constitution as to require the delegates to the Convention to be in full communion with the Church.

It was lost by the following vote:

CLERICAL VOTE.—Ayes. Messrs. Cressey, Page and Tomes. 3.

Noes. Messrs. Crane, Fagg, Jansen, McCullough, Rogers and Steel. 6.

LAY VOTES.—Ayes. Christ Church, Nashville, and Calvary Church, Memphis. 2.

Noes. Trinity Church, Clarksville; Immanuel Church, La Grange; Zion Church, Brownsville, and St. James' Church, Bolivar. 4.

The question then being taken on the proposed amendments to the 6th and 7th Canons, it was also lost.

The Convention took a recess till after Divine service.

The Convention re-assembled, and the minutes were read and approved. After singing the 27th Hymn, and prayers, and the benediction of the Bishop, the Convention adjourned,
SINE DIE. JAS. H. OTEY, President.

J. T. WHEAT, Secretary.

E. H. CRESSEY, Acting Secretary.

REPORT.

The committee to whom was referred that part of the Bishop's Address relating to the Diocesan Seminary, respectfully report the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That this Convention approve the action of the committee of the last Convention, in the steps they have taken towards the permanent establishment of Ravenscroft Seminary.

2. *Resolved*, That this undertaking is commended to churchmen in this diocese, as worthy their confidence, and an object of general interest and of vast importance to the welfare of the Church.

3. *Resolved*, That an Executive committee of five be appointed, of which the Bishop shall be, *ex officio*, the Chairman.

4. *Resolved*, That this committee be requested to issue a circular, addressed to the Rector of each parish, and to such other persons within the diocese, and beyond it, as would be likely to feel an interest in the enterprise and to contribute to its success.

5. *Resolved*, That the Rector of each parish in this diocese be requested to bring this subject before his congregation at the earliest opportunity, and in such way as may be deemed most effectual, and that contributions be asked for the furtherance of these plans.

6. *Resolved, further*, That it shall be the duty of the Executive committee to receive, invest, and expend all moneys contributed for this object,—to prepare a plan for conducting the school in conformity with the principles and practices of the Church, and to take all measures deemed proper for effecting the designed purposes. They shall also lay before each Annual Convention a full statement of the condition of the Institution.

In behalf of the committee,

E. H. CRESSEY, Chairman.

APPENDIX.

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY:

A little more than ten months have elapsed, since we met in Convention, to counsel and encourage each other, in the discharge of the duties incumbent upon us, entrusted with the management of that portion of Christ's flock, committed to our care in this diocese. Within that time several important changes have been made in the condition of the Church, a notice of which will enable you to form correct views of its present state and prospects, and assist us in the adoption of measures to promote its increased prosperity. These changes will come under review in the detail of the official duties in which I have been employed since the delivery of my last annual address.

Saturday, July 22, 1848.—St. John's Church, Knoxville, was by solemn act, and in the manner prescribed, set apart and consecrated to the service and worship of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and thus as far as the authority and power of the Church could secure the object, separated from all unhallowed, ordinary, common, and profane uses. The morning prayer was read by the Rev. Tho. W. Humes, Rector of the Church, the lessons by the Rev. Dr. Page, of Calvary Church, Memphis, and the sermon by Rev. Charles Tomes, of the diocese of Missouri, since transferred to this diocese, to whose exertions a former year, aided by the efforts of the present Rector, we are indebted for the erection and completion of this Church, one of the most beautiful and commodious in the diocese, and creditable to the liberal spirit of the city of which it is now a chief ornament, and to the citizens of which we pray it may prove an imperishable blessing. The letter of request from the Vestry was read by the Hon. Judge Reese, and the instrument of consecration by Rev. Mr. Humes.—These interesting services were witnessed by a very considerable congregation, notwithstanding a heavy fall of rain prevented the attendance of many others, who would have been glad to participate in the joy of such an occasion. In the afternoon of the same day prayers were said by the Rev. Mr. Tomes, when I preached, and then confirmed eleven persons, and delivered an address to strengthen and encourage them in their purpose to lead a godly and a Christian life.

Sunday, July 23.—In the same Church morning prayer was read by Rev. Mr. Tomes, and a sermon preached by Rev. Dr. Wheat, after which I admitted to the Diaconate Fred. Elwell and Thos. B. Lawson, candidates for orders in this diocese. They were presented by Rev. Mr. Humes. Mr. Elwell since his ordination has continued to be usefully employed at Knoxville, in teaching a classical school, and occasionally assisting the Rev. Mr. Humes, by reading prayers and preaching in his absence. Mr. Lawson has been laboring under the direction of Bishop Potter of Pennsylvania, but expects to return to this diocese.

In the afternoon prayers were said by Mr. Elwell and a sermon preached by Mr. Humes. The congregations throughout the day were large and attentive, and every account from this parish encourages the hope of its increase in numbers and spiritual growth.

Monday, July 24.—Accompanied by Mr. Wm. L. White I left Knoxville this morning, on a visit to Greenville, where a parish had been organized and received into union with the Convention, by the name of Greenville Parish. We arrived on Wednesday, and received a cordial welcome from the members of the "little flock" in that place.

Thursday and Friday were spent in visiting various families in the village and neighborhood, chiefly for the purpose of conferring with persons desirous of Confirmation, and embracing opportunities when presented, of lecturing upon the subject of the Gospel, and the duty of man to accept its free and gracious offers of pardon and reconciliation. There being no minister in charge of this parish at the time, some such course as this was indispensable, in order to arrive at a correct understanding of the views and state of preparation of those who were expecting to be confirmed. The congregation had enjoyed the advantages of occasional visits from Rev. Mr. McCabe, of Abingdon, Virginia, and Mr. Hume, of Knoxville, who managed between them to furnish a monthly service, and they were further aided by the labors of Mr. M. L. Royce, who to his duties in the public academy, had recently added those of a lay-reader. From all these sources of help, I found the little band of friends there united in the best of all causes, in a state of hopeful encouragement, and with God's blessing determined to labor on for the dissemination of His truth, and the establishment of His Church. Two or three spirited and generous-minded individuals, whom we pray God to "remember for good," resolved upon the erection of a church, and the call of a minister. Before I left Greenville the Vestry met and pledged a salary of \$300 for the support of a minister, and the church building had already been contracted for. Within a few months past, the Rev. Wm. H. Good has been received into this diocese, upon letters dimissory from the Bishop of Virginia, and has taken charge of Greenville parish, and from the last accounts received, I am induced to believe that the church will be ready for consecration by the ensuing summer. This will add another to the many instances already recorded, of what the zeal, energy and perseverance of a few persons can accomplish, under God's favor, in the extension of His truth, and the planting of His Church in the world. May others be encouraged to go and do in like manner.

Friday, July 28.—I read prayers and preached to a large and attentive congregation in the court-house, at night.

Saturday, July 29.—I read morning prayer in the Cumberland Presbyterian house of Worship, baptized one adult and three children, and preached. At night attended a meeting of the Vestry, and other friends of the Church, at which new articles of association, in accordance with the recommendation of the Convention, were adopted, and measures likewise taken to call a minister and provide for his support.

Sunday, July 30.—In the same house of worship, I celebrated Divine service, in which a respectable number out of a very large congregation joined; I then preached and confirmed twelve persons. In the afternoon I again said prayers, and preached to a very attentive congregation. The next day I left Greenville on my return home, and arrived at Nashville on the Saturday morning following.

Sunday, Aug. 6.—I read prayers at Christ Church, Nashville, in the morning and afternoon, on which occasions the Rev. Chas. Tomes preached. In the morning I administered the communion of the Lord's Supper.

Sunday, 13.—Visited St. John's Church, Ashwood. Read prayers and preached in the morning and afternoon.

Sunday, 20—At St. Paul's Church, Franklin, prayers by Rev. Mr. Rogers in the morning, when I baptized two adults, and preached. In the afternoon, Mr. Rogers having again said prayers, I preached and then confirmed ten persons.

Sunday, 27.—Read prayers and preached morning and afternoon in Christ Church, Nashville.

Friday, Sept. 1.—At St. Peter's Church, Columbia, after prayers and sermon by Rev. Dr. Wheat, I confirmed one person.

Sept. 3.—Read prayers in Christ Church, Nashville, preached and administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. In the afternoon again read prayers and preached.

Sept. 10.—Read prayers in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, and officiated in the afternoon at the burial of an aged member of Rev. Dr. Wheat's family.

Sept. 13.—Left home this morning accompanied by Mr. Wm. M. Steel, candidate for orders, to visit the Churches in the Western District, and arrived at Jackson on Friday, the 15th.

Sunday, 17.—Read prayers morning and afternoon in St. Luke's Church, Jackson, and preached to large congregations.

Monday 18.—Read prayers and preached at 10½ A. M., and at night.

Tuesday, 19.—Read morning prayer, baptized an infant, preached and confirmed two persons.

During my visit to this parish the Vestry adopted measures to procure the services of a resident minister. Their efforts have resulted in the employment of Rev J. W. McCullough, D. D., late of Indiana, who has been transferred to this diocese by Bishop Kemper. Dr. McCullough has reached Jackson, and entered upon his duties as Rector of the parish, to the great joy, I doubt not, of his little flock, and with good hope, I trust, on his part of building them up in the faith, confirming them in hope, and at last partaking with them of eternal life and glory.

Leaving Jackson on Wednesday morning I reached Brownsville the same day. The next day I went to see the Rev. Thos. West, then residing at the house of a friend—Mr. Haralson—a few miles in the country. Here this aged servant of Christ, then in his 83d year, who had spent more than sixty years as a laborer in his Lord's vineyard, had found a quiet retreat and hospitable home with friends, in the evening of life. His piety and simplicity of character had won their affections, and he was loved and cared for as a parent by dutiful children. His days were evidently drawing rapidly to a close. An accident with which he met in Philadelphia a year or two past, and by which his thigh bone was broken, had made him a cripple for life, and he was now able to get about only by the aid of crutches. Such a misfortune added to the weaknesses and infirmities of old age, and to many other troubles and perplexities growing out of the state of his domestic affairs, called upon him for the exercise of much patience, and of steady faith. I found him not only patient, submissive, and confident in faith, but manifesting that cheerfulness for which through life he was remarkable. A few weeks after I saw him, he was gathered to his fathers in peace, and has doubtless entered into that "rest which remaineth for the peo-

ple of God." He was a native of Ireland, originally a preacher among the Methodists, and travelled with Mr. Wesley in many of his journeys to preach in remote and neglected districts. After the death of that great man, and after a portion of the Methodists in Ireland and England had separated from the Church by forming a separate ecclesiastical organization, he came to the United States, was ordained by the Bishop of New York, and ever after continued a loving, dutiful and obedient son of the Church. His withdrawal from the Methodist connection was attended by no asperity of feeling, so far as is known, on either side. He continued ever to love them and all Christian people, and though firm in the maintenance of his opinions, and bold in the declaration of what he believed to be the truth, he never forgot that allowances were to be made for ignorance as well as other infirmities of human nature, and therefore avoided all controversies which did not spring up from the preaching of the simple truth as it is in Christ Jesus. I have thought this passing notice due to the memory of one whom we all respected and loved for his virtues, and a tribute which my own heart pays to the affection and love of a brother, with whom in years past I have enjoyed seasons of blessed communion, "when times of refreshing came from the presence of the Lord."

Friday, Sept. 22.—Rev. Mr. Jansen read morning prayer in the court-house, at Brownsville, and I preached. The like services were performed in the afternoon, and the evening devoted to conversation with persons who had been awakened to a sense of the importance of the saying, "What must I do to be saved?"

Saturday, 23.—This morning, accompanied by Rev. Mr. Jansen and several others, I went to the Hatchee river and administered baptism to two persons, by immersion. The court-house being occupied by a large political meeting, we had no opportunity for holding service till night, when Mr. Jansen said prayers and I preached.

Sunday, 24.—This morning prayers were read by Mr. Jansen, and I preached to a large congregation in the court-house. As there was much excitement in the town and neighborhood upon the subject of religion, I took the opportunity on this occasion to address the multitude assembled upon the subject of the Church, her doctrines, worship and ordinances. This was done especially for the purpose of removing misapprehensions which seem to be very prevalent in regard to the character of our Church, and to do away as far as possible with prejudices, which it seems to be the pleasure and business of some to create and to cherish. After this address I admitted five persons to the rite of Confirmation, and administered the Holy Communion to a large number.

At night I again preached after prayers by Rev. Mr. Jansen.

Monday 25.—Morning prayer was read by Rev. Mr. Jansen and I preached in the court-house, thus closing the present visitation to the congregation at Brownsville.

Thursday, 28.—Having been kindly brought on my way by Dr. S. Oldham, to Durhamville, I read morning prayer in the meeting-house, at 11 A. M., and preached to a respectable congregation. This village is situated in the midst of a beautiful, fertile and thriving country. Widow Lee, an aged and respected member of our Church, lives in the place, and several other communicants are scattered through the neighborhood. I doubt not that if a minister would be-

show the requisite labor, he might gather a good congregation, and by united efforts among those interested, a church be erected, and the stirring voice of the liturgy be heard weekly, where now it is seldom raised more than once in the course of the year, and that during the hurried visit of the Bishop. It is not wonderful that under such circumstances the love of our members should wax cold, and that the lambs of the flock should stray into strange pastures. The only wonder is that any at all should remain firm and unmoved in their attachment to the Church of their fathers. Of this class there are two or three shining examples, who in the midst of an almost total destitution of Church privileges, still think with yearning hearts of the Zion they love, and long to see her walls raised in strength, and her gates established in beauty. For these examples of devotion to His Church, God's holy name be ever praised!

Friday, 29.—I arrived at Covington, in Tipton county, and at 3 o'clock, P. M. and at night after prayers, I preached to large and attentive congregations. The next day there was a political meeting at Covington, and knowing that there would be little probability of gathering a congregation, I proceeded to the neighborhood of Trinity Church.

Sunday, Oct. 1.—At Trinity Church, the Rev. Mr. Jansen, from Brownsville, read prayers, after which I preached, confirmed one person and administered the Holy Communion to fourteen.

Monday, 2.—Left the neighborhood of Trinity Church, and in company with Mr. Steel arrived at Mr. J. J. Alston's, near Randolph.

Wednesday, 4.—Went to Randolph, and in St. Paul's Church, after prayer in the morning by Mr. Steel, I preached. In the afternoon Mr. S. again read prayers, I preached and confirmed one person.

Thursday, 5.—In St. Paul's Church read morning prayer, preached and administered the Lord's Supper to about twenty persons. In the afternoon visited a sick person and then returned to Mr. Alston's.

Saturday, 7.—In Ravenscroft Chapel, I read prayers in the morning, baptised six negro children and then preached. In the afternoon I administered the Holy Communion to Mrs. E. Alston, the aged mother of this family, who had now for several weeks been confined to a bed of pain and languishing. Nine others partook with her.

Sunday, 8. Proceeded to Randolph and read morning prayer in St. Paul's Church, baptised three adults and two children, and preached. Visited a sick person, returned to Church in the afternoon, read prayers, preached and confirmed one person. At night, at Mr. Alston's, admitted three persons to Confirmation, one being confined to bed by sickness.

Friday, 13.—Granted dimissory letters to Rev. Wm. H. Burton, deacon, transferring him to the diocese of Louisiana. At night after prayers by Rev Dr. Page, I preached in Calvary Church, Memphis.

Saturday, 14.—Administered the Holy Communion to a young person—Miss M. Harris—who has since "departed this life in the faith and fear of God's holy name," furnishing one instance more of the power of religion, even in the case of the young and promising, to strip the world of its false attractions, to disarm death of his sting and fill the soul with perfect peace.

Sunday, 15.—In Calvary Church the Rev. Dr. Page said morning prayer and

preached. I then admitted Mr. Wm. M. Steel, a candidate presented by Dr. Page, to Deacon's orders, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, after prayers by Dr. Page, assisted by Rev. Mr. Steel, in the lessons, I preached and confirmed twelve persons.

Tuesday, 17.—Having left Memphis yesterday, I arrived to-day at Sommerville, and at 3 P. M., Mr. Steel read prayers in the Methodist meeting-house; I baptized five children and preached. At night Mr. Steel again read prayers, when I preached and confirmed two persons.

Wednesday, 18.—Arrived at La Grange about 1 P. M., having been kindly sent forward on my way by Mr. Potts, of Sommerville. At 3 P. M. Rev. Mr. Fagg, read prayers and I preached in Immanuel Chruch. After an excursion of a few days into Mississippi, I visited La Grange again, on Friday, the 27th.—Morning prayer was said by Mr. Fagg, and I preached. In the afternoon, after prayers by Mr. Fagg, I baptized, at his request, seven children, preached and confirmed one person. Accompanied by Rev. Mr. Fagg I reached Bolivar on the evening of Saturday, the 28th.

Sunday, 29.—Rev. Mr. F. read morning prayers, I preached and confirmed one person. In the afternoon and at night Mr. F. again read prayers and I preached to a large congregation.

Monday, 30.—Prayers in the morning by Mr. F., sermon by myself. In the afternoon I again read prayers and preached.

Tuesday, 31.—Read morning prayer, preached and then confirmed one person.

The venerable Dr. Stephens, who has so long and faithfully ministered to the congregation of St. James' Church Bolivar, I found in very low health and so feeble as to be unable to take any part in the services of which you have just heard the recital. Increasing infirmities have induced him or rather compelled him to retire from the active duties of the ministry; and to the manifold sorrows of age and long service, has been recently added, in the wise providence of our Heavenly Father, a most afflictive bereavement. His eldest daughter, the wife of P. Miller, Esq., under whose hospitable roof our much-loved and venerable Brother has found a quiet home, and where his every want is anticipated with filial care and solicitude, was suddenly cut down in the prime of life, leaving her family to mourn over a loss which they feel to be irreparable. In this severe trial of their faith, our beloved brother and his friends may be assured of our sympathy and our prayers in their behalf, to that God who can make all grace abound, and has ever shown Himself, in sorrow's dismal night, a God of consolation.

I reached home from visiting the congregations of the Western District, on the 2d day of November, and on the 3d granted letters dimissory to Rev. John Noble, Presbyter, transferring him to the diocese of Western New York.

Sunday, Nov. 6.—In St. Peter's Church, Columbia, after prayers by Rev. Dr. Wheat, I preached and administered the Lord's Supper.

Thursday, 16.—Called to visit and baptize a sick child in the country, which dying, I officiated at its burial the day following.

Sunday, 19.—The Rev. Chas. Tomes of Missouri, having accepted a call to the Rectorship of Christ Church Nashville, at the request of the Vestry I pre-

settled this day to institute him according to the form prescribed; I read the morning prayer, no other minister but the Rector elect being present, and then performed the office of Institution. After this I preached and assisted the Rector in the administration of the Communion. In the afternoon I said prayers and the Rev. Mr. Tomee preached.

Sunday, 26.—After prayers by Rev. Mr. Cressey I preached in the morning in St. John's Church, Ashwood.

Sunday, Dec. 3.—At St. John's Church, Ashwood, Mr. Cressey said morning prayer, I preached and administered the Lord's Supper—at the same time a collection was made in this Church in aid of Dom. Com. of Missions amounting to the sum of \$40, a sum which considering the small number of the congregation that stately attend worship at this Church was exceedingly creditable to their liberality.

Sunday, 24.—In St. Peter's Church, Columbia, prayers were said by Rev. Dr. Wheat, the Rev. Mr. Cressey preached, after which I confirmed eight persons, five being pupils of the Col. Fem. Institute, and delivered an address.

Monday, 25.—Read morning prayer in St. Peter's Church: sermon by Dr. Wheat, after which I administered the Holy Communion.

Sunday, 31.—After morning prayer by Rev. Mr. Cressey in St. John's Church, Ashwood, I preached, confirmed five persons—two of them colored people—and delivered an address.

January 7, 1849.—Assisted the Rector of St. Peter's Church at prayers and administered the Holy Communion.

Sunday, 28.—At St. John's Church Ashwood, baptized an adult and preached.

Sunday, Feb. 4.—After morning prayer at Christ Church Nashville I preached and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon I preached and confirmed three persons.

Tuesday, 6.—After evening prayer in Christ Church, I confirmed three persons and delivered an address.

Sunday, 11.—Preached in the morning at St. Peter's Church after prayers, and in the afternoon officiated in the country at the burial of a worthy communicant of our Church, Mrs. M. S. Nelson.

Monday, 12.—Visited a young person very ill, and at her request, in the afternoon administered to her the Holy Communion.

Sunday, March 18.—Read prayers and preached morning and afternoon in St. John's Church, Ashwood.

Sunday, March 25.—Preached in the morning at St. Peter's Church, after prayers by the Rector.

Sunday, April 1.—Read prayers and preached at St. Peter's Church.

Friday, 6.—Preached in the morning at St. Peter's Church.

Sunday 8.—Preached after morning prayer in St. John's Chuch, Ashwood, confirmed thirteen persons, of whom ten were negroes, delivered an address and administered the Holy Communion.

Sunday, 15.—At St. Paul's Church, Franklin, after morning prayer, preached, confirmed three persons, and delivered an address. In the afternoon prayers by Mr. Rogers, when I again preached.

Sunday, 22.—In St. Peter's Church, Columbia, after morning prayer by the Rector, I baptized an infant and preached. In the afternoon the Rector read

prayers and preached, when I confirmed four persons, three being pupils of the Columbia Female Institute, and delivered an address.

Thus it appears that Confirmation has been administered to ninety-eight persons in fourteen parishes, the last nine months. The changes among the clergy, already in part adverted to, are the following : The Rev. Dr. Wheat, after resigning the charge of Christ Church, Nashville, entered upon the duties of Rector of St. Peter's Church, Columbia, in connection with the care of a school for boys, which it is proposed as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made, to place under the authority of the Convention of the diocese.

The Rev. Charles Tomes has been received as a Presbyter in this diocese, upon letters dimissory from the Bishop of Missouri, and as already stated, has been instituted Rector of Christ Church, Nashville.

The Rev. W. H. Good has been received in like manner from the diocese of Virginia, and has taken charge of Greenville parish, Greenville.

The Rev. L. Jansen has resigned the charge of St. Luke's Church, Jackson, and Zion Church, Brownsville, and taken the charge of St. James' Church, Bolivar, vacated by the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Stephens.

The Rev. J. W. McCullough has been received on letters of transfer from Bishop Kemper, and become the Rector of St. Luke's Church, Jackson, and Professor of Belles Lettres, &c., in West Tennessee College.

The Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham has been received on letters dimissory from Bishop Kemper.

The Rev. A. B. Russell, Deacon, has been employed as Professor in the new College at Clarksville, and for the last year has officiated as opportunity served, under the direction of the Rector of Trinity Church, Clarksville.

The Rev. F. Elwell, Deacon, has continued to teach at Knoxville, and to officiate under the direction of the Rector of St. John's Church at that place.

The Rev. Thos. B. Lawson, Deacon, has been serving a congregation in Pennsylvania, under the authority of Bishop Potter.

The Rev. Wm. M. Steel, Deacon, has taken charge of the Missionary stations of St. Matthew's Church, Covington ; St. Paul's Church, Randolph ; Trinity Church, Tipton county ; and St. Thomas' Church, Sommerville ; at each of which places he has officiated monthly since last November. At each of these points parishes have been organized for years past, some for a greater and others for a less period of time, and at all of them are found a few members of our Communion ; but at no one of them in sufficient numbers and ability to provide for the support of a minister. The object in placing Mr. Steel in charge of the whole of them has been, by occasional services and visits, to keep alive what interest has been manifested in the cause of religion, until an arrangement could be made for a more frequent and effectual administration of religious services by sending into the same field an additional laborer. It must be evident to reflection that nothing more than this can be reasonably expected under the present plan. The fruits of piety, like those of the earth, must spring from assiduous and judicious culture ; and this can scarcely be given when the labors of the spiritual husbandmen are dispersed over so wide a space, and interrupted by calls to so many different points. The remedy, however, is not in the power of the clergy. It is in the hands of our lay brethren, who are chiefly interested in providing for themselves and families the benefits and blessings of religious services. If

they will provide food, raiment and lodg^ging for the clergy, the efforts of their pastors can be more concentrated, and as all observation of the past sh^{ws}, can be rendered far more effectual in the production and increase of all these blessed fruits of piety and virtue which alleviate the sorrows of life, diffuse a sweet charm over social intercourse, making a community kind, peaceable and attractive, and prepare man to meet with composure his inevitable doom, and the awful revelations of an unseen world.

The Rev. S Sherwell, Deacon, is understood to be engaged in the occupation of school-keeping in the Western part of Pennsylvania.

The only transfers of clergymen from the diocese, since the meeting of our last Convention, are those of the Rev. John Noble to the diocese of Western New York, and of Rev. James Stephenson to the Diocese of Missouri.

The list of candidates for Orders furnishes the following names: Wm. L. White—Jos. H. Ingraham—Moses S. Royce—Reginald H. Weller, and J. W. Wheelock—the last two received on letters dimissory from the diocese of Miss.

The recommendation made at the last Convention, upon the subject of weekly offerings has been complied with in at least four parishes. The result so far has been satisfactory—so much so indeed, as not only to warrant me to encourage those who have begun this work to continue it, but to repeat earnestly the recommendation given to every congregation in the diocese. And here I would impress upon the minds of the clergy the importance of rightly instructing their people upon this subject, and guarding them and others who may attend our worship, from mistake and misapprehension. It is not to be supposed for a moment that we can by any offerings, however costly, purchase for ourselves the pardon of sin or propitiate the favor of Heaven. Neither are we to imagine that by any worship which we can offer in the way of prayer and praise we can gain a title to eternal life, and escape the bitter pains of eternal death.—Salvation is the free gift of God in Christ Jesus, limited in its offer to man, by the conditions of faith and repentance. Wherever this offer is embraced, obedience in the exercise of a true repentance and a lively faith is the certain and unvarying fruit. Prayer, praise and all other expressions of devout affections then spring up spontaneously from the over-mastering principle of love,—a principle which will constrain him who feels its sacred fire to consecrate himself and all that he has to Him, “who so loved the world as to give his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” If God is honored by our prayers and praises, as we are taught by his holy word to believe, so likewise may we believe that He will accept and bless the oblations which we make of our worldly substance, to uphold his worship and spread his truth in the world. Of his ancient people, the Jews, he required as you know, a tenth. Of us under the Gospel, He has asked us to give what a willing mind will offer cheerfully of our ability. “If there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath and not according to that a man hath not.” Let every one look upon this duty of contributing to the support of religion, as a privilege—in the same way as he regards it a privilege to offer prayer and praise to God; and performing this service with this understanding of its nature and object, let him not doubt that he “shall be blessed in his deed.” In no other way would we have any man engage in this work. We would not desire any one to give because he happens to be present, or from constraint, be-

cause others about him are contributing. No : if he cannot give from conscientious convictions of duty—duty to God—let him forbear—to his own master he must give account. If he can make a better investment "of the meanses of unrighteousness" to secure his happiness temporal and eternal, certainly it is his right and privilege so to do. But let him be careful at the same time to remember that improvement and increase will be demanded of him, and that nothing short of these will ensure "well-done" of his heavenly Master and righteous Judge.

You will remember, Brethren, that at the last Convention the subject of establishing a school for boys, to be placed under the authority of the Church in this diocese, was brought up to your notice. A Committee was then appointed to take the whole business in charge, and adopt whatever measures might be necessary to carry into effect the recommendation made to the Convention. The Committee since its appointment has had the subject under careful consideration; and have adopted measures as far as practicable with the means at its disposal, to accomplish the proposed object. A very eligible lot of ground has been contracted for, consisting of ten acres, near Columbia, for the sum of one thousand dollars, which sum the committee has agreed to pay out of the donation of \$1500 made by Col. A. J. Polk. The deed for this lot of land has already been made to me as Trustee for the Church in this diocese, and thus as far as it can be by legal provision, secured for the purpose above designated. The remainder of Col. Polk's donation has been loaned to Prof. D. Macleod and his note taken for that sum, bearing interest from the date. In addition to the means above named, and now at the disposal of the committee, I hold the notes of Col. G. W. Polk, gross amount \$500, payable in one and two years from the first of last January—of Dr. Wm. J. Polk \$500 on the same terms—of L. J. Polk for \$250 on same terms, and of Jas. Walker for \$100 on same terms. Thus it will be seen that the disposable means of the committee as things now stand and for the next two years amount to \$1850. This sum is not sufficient to erect the necessary buildings for the contemplated school even on a very moderate scale of respectability : while the funds which have been contributed and promised are surely enough to excite the interest of us all, and to encourage us to vigorous effort for the accomplishment of the enterprise. In the name then of the Church as the proper guardian of her children in this diocese, and bound as far as you enable her to provide for their correct moral, intellectual and religious training, I invoke your aid brethren, the members of this Convention, and through you of every parish and every member of the Church in the diocese. All that we ask for the present is, that you put it in our power to work ; that you furnish us the necessary means to erect buildings to accommodate one family and twenty pupils. With this we can make a suitable beginning, and with such a beginning I have no fears but that we shall be able so to do our work in the business of education as to secure a patronage and an amount of public favor that will enable us to enlarge our accommodations and plan to any reasonable and desirable extent. Let no one hesitate to help in this cause upon the plea that the amount given is so small that it will avail nothing. "Every little helps," and if we work vigorously with our small means, it may please God to aid and bless us with abundance. And especially am I desirous that we first of all endeavour to help ourselves before we make any application abroad. An equal amount contributed in the diocese with that raised in the county of Maury

will enable the committee to erect such buildings as are indispensable to the successful accomplishment of the object.

In connection with the foregoing it is proper that I add here, that through an arrangement made by Rev. Dr. Wheat and Prof. D. Macleod, a school was begun at Columbia last September under their joint superintendence and labour, which has continued to increase under their judicious and efficient management, and which promises to be a suitable foundation on which to build the Diocesan School which we contemplate. The patronage which Dr. Wheat and Mr. Macleod have received, has already surpassed the expectations of the friends of the enterprise, while the wise and prudent system of training and government which has been adopted, and the first results of which are exhibited in the report, hereto appended, leave no room to doubt that the number of pupils will steadily increase with the knowledge of its present and prospective advantages. The school is at present conducted in a large and commodious house in the town of Columbia, and regulated as a private household or family. The rent of this property is however onerous in conducting such an enterprise, and constitutes one main reason of the earnest desire expressed for the erection of suitable buildings on our own ground. As soon as these can be constructed a proper compensation will be returned to the Church in the way of education to her beneficiaries, for every dollar which her members may contribute to this object.

In the course of the past year it pleased God in his wise Providence to visit our country with the scourge of pestilence; I deemed it my duty, in accordance with the provisions of the Canon of the General Convention, to set forth forms of prayer to be used in congregations, during the period of apprehended danger; and also prayers recommended to the use of families for the same occasion. These forms with a pastoral letter were printed and sent to each clergyman of the Church in the diocese. I renew the request to our brethren of the clergy and laity to continue the use of these prayers until it please God in his goodness and compassion to remove the plague from our borders.

I deem it my duty here to give notice to those clergymen who shall hereafter neglect to make their reports as directed by the 8th Canon of the General Convention of 1841, that I shall report their names to the Convention. I have had occasion in times past to remind clergymen repeatedly of their duty in this particular, but to little purpose, as the duty in a few cases is still neglected.

Commending you in your present deliberations, and in all your ways, to the grace of Him who is the giver of all good gifts, I remain your faithful friend and affectionate pastor,

JAS. H. OTEY.

La Grange, May 4, 1849.

REPORT OF RAVENSCROFT SEMINARY.

PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT.—To the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the diocese and the committee of the Convention, the following report for the session of five months just closed is respectfully submitted.

The government of the school has been strictly conformed, as far as possible, to the principles of the Divine Government, as revealed in the Bible. Fixing the standard of duty at the highest point of scholarly attainment and filial docility, and holding every one to a strict accountability, not for comparative goodness, but for his own conduct in itself considered, we have sought by this means to convince him of his deficiencies, and so lead him to strive earnestly for those rewards which we offer to sincere and earnest endeavor, even when the performance itself comes short of perfection. We have laid great stress upon proper motives to study; making the highest and holiest, viz., the "approving ourselves unto God, who searcheth the heart," that which should be supreme and ultimate. At the same time, however, we have not only allowed but encouraged such subordinate ones as are consistent with that, the approbation of parents and teachers, and the great value of mental culture as a means of influence and usefulness amongst men, as well as of direct and positive advantage to ourselves.

While we are governed by these principles in the administration of discipline, and endeavour to bring our pupils to understand and approve them, so as to become a "law unto themselves," we have found it necessary, for the younger ones particularly, to lay down a system of precise rules, as follows:

- I. **THINGS REQUIRED.**—1. Cordial and universal respect to teachers.
2. Prompt and cheerful obedience.
3. Kindness and courtesy, towards each other.
4. Reverence for things sacred; the Lord's Day, His Sanctuary, Worship and Ministers.
5. A scholar-like spirit in every study and in general deportment, striving to merit entire approbation.
- II. **THINGS FORBIDDEN.**—1. Idleness, or an irregular employment of time, and noisy play in or near the Study-Hall.
2. Defacing or wantonly injuring any building; its furniture or fixtures, the grounds, trees or shrubbery.
3. Insincerity in word or deed, and the least unchasteness of language.
4. Angry contentions, evil speaking, rudeness, violence, and all ungentlemanly conduct whatever.
5. In fine, any wilful disregard of duty towards God or our neighbour, as defined in the Catechism of the Church.

RULES OF ORDER.

L THINGS REQUIRED.—Strict punctuality. Parliamentary etiquette whenever the House is called to order. A subdued and quiet manner at recitation. Cleanliness of person and apparel. A place for everything, and every thing in its proper place: a time for everything, and everything at the proper time: business for every body, and every body to mind his own business.

II. THINGS FORBIDDEN.—Moving about or leaving the room needlessly. Lounging attitudes, tricks and vulgarisms. Eating, chewing balsam or any thing of the kind. Having any thing in the Study-Hall not required for its proper business, scribbling in books and throwing trash on the floor. Uncalled for and unseasonable remarks, vain and impertinent questions, carelessness and inattention.

DOMESTIC ARRANGEMENTS.

L THINGS REQUIRED.—Rising with the sun. Dressing without delay, and after private prayer, going at once to the Study-Hall. Silent reading of Scripture-lesson until the time of Family Prayer. To be at table always in time for Grace before meals, and remain until permitted to rise. After tea to repair to the Study-Hall, preserving order and quietness while getting lessons for the next day. After prayers to go noiselessly to the dormitory. On entering to keep profound silence for five minutes, that no one be disturbed at his private devotions. After brushing the teeth well, to undress without needless delay; during

which time there may be cheerful conversation, but no play or other disorder. After getting into bed silence must lead to sleep.

On Saturday the kind of diversion, the time and place for it which each pupil desires, must be agreed upon immediately after breakfast in the Study-Hall between the pupil and the Professor. Those who fail to get "Entire Approbation" for the week will be denied the holiday and be employed at those studies in which they may be most deficient for a length of time proportioned to the number of marks incurred.

On Sunday, Catechising and two public services in the church; the intervals in the house, except an evening walk with a Professor or Tutor.

Every violation of these, as well as every missed lesson, is marked in a book kept by the Secretary. They who get no marks, and they that repent and amend, receive, at the end of the week, a token of "Entire Approbation," and at the end of the session, all take rank according to the number of their marks, beginning with the one who has the least. The list (all of which will be given in the next Report) is headed at this time by *Philip Theophilus Minor*, of Louisiana. It will be seen, however, that it is in the power of every one, if he strive lawfully, to obtain the same reward of well-doing. It does not at all depend upon the principle of exclusiveness or invidious distinction. The only use we make of emulation is by the offer of the "Highest Honour" to the best scholar in each class, to be determined by an actual trial of strength in such various examinations as may satisfactorily show it, at the close of the session: the lists being opened only to voluntary candidates: and, of course, the declining to enter the lists being ruled as an acknowledged failure by default.

These lists, too, will be given in the next Report, along with the results of the examinations. They are withheld now, as well as the one before mentioned, only because our pupils were not notified from the beginning of the past session that they would be published. For the same reason we give the following summary without the names respectively in full. The letter employed will be sufficient for the information of the parent or guardian, to the exclusion of those who are not concerned.

E.—Has done very well in Latin, Algebra, Geometry and Elocution. His comparative failure in other branches has been owing to a want of an abiding interest in them, and shows conclusively, we think, two things: First, that the number of studies usually taken in hand at once, is too great, and second, that the elementary studies dragged along throughout the whole after-course, ought to be thoroughly mastered first, and at the proper age. E. has made some progress, too, in the science of self-government. Naturally very sensitive and impulsive, a hasty movement often mars much toilsome good; but, still, he has done something towards the acquisition of true scholarly habits, and deserves your approbation. He takes the "Highest Honour" in Latin.

D.—Is equal and uniform in all his studies, with but little vivacity of mind or manner, he plods steadily along; and although not eminently distinguished in any one branch, he is highly respectable in all. His sobriety is by no means the result of tameness of spirit; for D. is very ambitious and has often won the prize of our "Entire Approbation" in the summing up of the Weekly Record. He takes the "Highest Honour" for general improvement.

A.—Has striven very hard throughout the session to keep clear of marks for delinquencies; and though he has failed rather frequently in a few particulars, it has never been without a good excuse, and almost always within the limits of prescribed indulgence. He is very good in Arithmetic, takes the distinction of his class for free, beautiful and legible Penmanship and shares the "Highest Honour" in Elocution.

C.—Is a youth of fine spirit, and is always open to the convictions of duty, and sensible to the appeals of reason and principle; but he is so constitutionally indolent, and so infirm of purpose, that he has not made much progress in his studies. This is the more to be regretted because he has excellent abilities. He was pretty well grounded in Arithmetic before he came here, and has since become a very effective declaimer, and shares the "Highest Honour" in Elocution with A.

M.—Comes very near a Teacher's idea of a good scholar : always respectful and attentive, well-behaved and studious. He has never given us any trouble, and carries clear of all competitors, the "Highest Honour" for general deportment.

R.—Stands very high in all the leading studies of the school, and is unusually well grounded in all the elementary branches. He has had to contend with a certain quickness of temper and waywardness of disposition ; but he has struggled nobly, and is getting the mastery. He has the "Highest Honour" in Spelling and Defining, Algebra and Composition.

B.—Has not done well with us, and it cannot be for want of capacity, for he is amongst the most advanced of our pupils, and must at one time have studied and applied himself. He seems to be listless and unmoved by censure under ordinary circumstances, and yet when acting as Secretary he is very attentive, systematic and orderly, and enters with spirit and energy into the duties of the school. We are sorry to say he declined to enter the lists for any of the honours, and of course obtains none.

S.—Almost equally good in every branch, has a peculiar aptitude for languages. He studies well the lesson required to be got at night ; but an unfortunate and ill-timed levity sadly interferes with his school exercises. His good recitations and general improvement would give him a very high standing, but he suffers himself to be constantly pulled down by his inveterate fondness for fun and witticisms. Really meritorious and not wanting in emulation, he will nevertheless have his joke, though he pay, as now, rather dear for it. He takes the "Highest Honour" in French.

N.—With very good abilities, has not done much in consequence of his very irregular attendance ; caused by bad health. He excels in Penmanship and Drawing, and takes the "Highest Honour" in Arithmetic.

L.—Came to us a genuine school-boy : averse to study, and fond of play, and well skilled in evading the discipline and order of the school ; but he is very much changed for the better, and though not yet up to the mark, we have good hope of him. He takes the "Honour" of his class in Spelling.

J.—Can be very good for a little while at a time, but his goodness is too much like the early cloud and the morning dew. He is doing well in Latin, and takes the "Honour" of his class in Geography.

H.—Is a very clever fellow both in the English and the American sense of the terms ; but he does not love to study and does not care much for bad marks. He is doing what he can to prove that little boys cannot do without whipping occasionally ; we hope however, for the character of the school and his own, that he will come under the power of better motives.

W.—To speak artistically, is a proper "pendant or match picture" to D. of the Senior Class. And like him, deservedly takes the "Highest Honour" of his class for general improvement.

P.—Is like a fine steed of irrepressible activity and fiery impetuosity. He has extraordinary quickness of apprehension and what is not always found in such connexion, a very retentive memory too. He has great talent, we were going to say for languages ; but the truth is, he has talent for everything—except for being quiet. He does not jump out of the traces quite as often as he formerly did, and we begin to hope we shall "gentle" him to wear the harness of dutiful submission after a while. P. takes the "Honours" of his class in Penmanship and Latin.

SUMMARY: It will be seen that this Report is generally favorable and that the school on the whole is much improved. The chief fault is inattention.—They seem never to have learned to sit still and listen quietly and earnestly for any length of time. It is a weariness to them. Their manner or bearing too is not so respectful and subdued as it should be ; but this is the vice of the day and even parents do not require for themselves that reverence so becoming in the young towards their superiors in age and standing. That part of the Catechism which refers to our "betters" is an obsolete, antiquated notion : the boys of our day have no "betters." Upon this subject we hope to give a more favourable report hereafter.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

1849. April 1st.—Wm. B. Reese of St. John's Church, Knoxville, was recommended to the Bishop as a candidate for Orders.

J. T. WHEAT, Pres.
May 4.—John Ambrose Wheelock was recommended to the Bishop for Deacon's Orders.

CHAS. TOMES, Pres.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.**CHRIST CHURCH, NASHVILLE.**

To THE RT. REV. THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE:

On the twenty-second Sunday after Trinity, (Nov. 19, 1848,) the undersigned was instituted as Rector of the parish, and took charge of the same; from which time he dates his report.

Baptisms—18 Infants, 6 Adults,	24
Confirmations,	6
Communicants,	126
{ Died, { Suspended, { Added, 5 } 1 } Present No. 16	3
Marriages,	5
Burials,	5

Rector's Salary \$1200—of which all that is due has been paid.

On the Second Sunday after Epiphany the weekly offertory was commenced, and the offerings have amounted to \$309 30, making an average of \$20 62 per week. They have been appropriated as follows:

For the Poor,	\$30 55
Baptismal Font,	85 00
Current Expenses of the Church,	48 75
Support of the Episcopate,	125 00
Contingent Expenses of Convention,	20 00

The Rector reports that owing to the large amount the parish is in arrears for the support of the Episcopate, he has been unable to make any appropriations for Missions of the Church, and other objects calling for the offerings of her members. For the same reason he begs the indulgence of his Bishop for not complying with the Canons as to the requisitions made therein upon each Church in the diocese to contribute to the Pension fund, and to the Episcopate fund.—After supplying the necessities of the poor, and providing for the current expenses of the Church, all the offerings beyond those specially appropriated by the offerors, have been applied towards the payment of arrearages due for the support of the Episcopate, and for the contingent expenses of the Convention. The same course will in general be pursued until all arrearages shall be paid.

Before the establishment of the weekly offertory \$252 50 were collected in the Church, of which \$200 were the proceeds of a special collection for the purchase of an organ, the balance was appropriated to the relief of the poor and for the current expenses of the Church. There were also in addition collected by subscription about \$400 for an organ. From the fourth Sunday after Epiphany the Church has been daily open for morning and evening prayer. The children of the congregation are openly catechized in the Church on every Lord's day, after divine service.

CHARLES TOMES.

Nashville, Tenn., St. Mark's day, 1849.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, COLUMBIA.

The Rector respectfully reports to the Rt. Rev. Bishop the following statement from the Parish Register.

Families	19
Funerals	4
Baptisms—8 Adults, 12 Infants,	20

Communicants	{ Removed		Present No.	55.
	Died	Added past year, 23		

Of these, 14 are pupils of the Fem. Institute, and 2 are colored.

Confirmations—four several times, 16

There have been collected within the nine months of the Incumbent's charge, for various repairs on the Church, about \$150.

The system of Weekly Collections has been adopted, according to the Bishop's directions, and is doing well.

There is no Sunday School in the Parish—the Rector himself Catechises the Children every Sunday. J. T. WHEAT.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, FRANKLIN.

The Rector of St. Paul's Church, Franklin, reports to the Bishop as follows—

Baptisms—Adult 1, Children 9, (6 colored)	10
Confirmations,	13
Communicants	16
Burial,	1
Weekly Offerings,	\$60
Minister's Salary,	\$250

J. W. ROGERS.

TRINITY CHURCH, CLARKSVILLE.

The Rector of Trinity Church, Clarksville, respectfully reports to the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese, the following statement, copied from his Parish Register.

Baptisms—Infants	7
Marriages,	4
Funerals,	3
Former No.	48
Communicants,	52
Added	16
Died	1
Removed	5
Contributed to the support of the Episcopate,	\$60
" to Domestic Missions	\$10
Assessment for contingent expenses (two years)	\$20

W. M. C. CRANE.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, LAGRANGE.

The Rector of Immanuel Church, LaGrange, reports to the Bishop.

Baptisms,	8
Confirmation,	1
Funeral,	1
Communicants,	30
Former No. 29	Present No.
Church Offerings, monthly,	\$17
Otherwise contributed,	\$10
For the Episcopate	\$34, 50
For contingent expenses,	\$10.
Sunday School, { Teachers,	5
{ Children,	30

My time is divided, as heretofore, between this parish and one in Mississippi.

WILLIAM FAGG.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSON.

The undersigned respectfully submits to his Diocesan the following report. No alteration occurred in the statistics of the parish up to the time of his resignation in January, with the exception of

Baptisms, (Infants)	2
Confirmation,	1

L. JANSEN.

**Report of J. W. McCullough, to the Rt. Rev. J. H. Otey, D. D., Bishop of the
Diocese of Tennessee.**

Baptisms—Infant	1
Communicants, including 1 colored,	31
Sunday Scholars,	30
" Teachers,	6

The undesignated having commenced the discharge of his duties as Rector of St. Luke's so recently as April 1st, and not having the Records of his predecessor at hand, is unable to make a full statistical report of the state of the parish. The prospects of the Church in Jackson, seem to be encouraging.

J. W. McCULLOUGH.

ST. JAMES CHURCH, BOLIVAR.

The late Rector of St Jame's Parish, Bolivar, having resigned his charge on the 1st. of January last, reports for about 8 months of the preceding year. He preached regularly, except a few weeks in mid-summer, taken for recess.

Baptisms	7
Confirmations	2
Funerals,	2
Number of Communicants,	11
Marriage,	1
Collected for the Bishop for 1848, sent to Dr. Wheat	\$45
" for contingent expenses,	\$5
" for Missionary Society for the last year,	\$20

Since my resignation I have preached for Mr. Jausen twice, and read the service once, and celebrated one marriage, by his consent.

I became so enfeebled, and my sight so dim, being aged about 72 years, that my resignation was evidently necessary. The Vestry immediately elected the Rev. L. Jansen of Jackson, with my full consent and recommendation. He seems to render much satisfaction both in the Church and in the Female Academy.

My work is done! I have labored long in the vineyard, and literally "borne the heat and burden of the day." I am waiting in faith for the coming of the Supreme Proprietor, and in hope to hear his consoling approbation, "well done, good and faithful servant!"

If I should never visit a Convention more, I pray God to keep them and his Church in his holy keeping; and to prepare us all for a happy meeting in the Church triumphant.

I am, Rt. Rev. Sir, and dear brethren, your affectionate brother in the gospel.
DANIEL STEPHENS.

CALVARY CHURCH, MEMPHIS.

Baptisms—Whites, Adults 2, Infants 13,	15
" Colored " 1, " 3,	4
Confirmations—Whites 11, Colored 1	12
Communicants,	113
Marriages,	7
Funerals,	10
Amount accruing from the Offertory since October last, when the system of weekly contributions was instituted,	\$300, 32
Sunday Scholars,	75
" Teachers,	15

The Church Tower, some unimportant details excepted, is complete.

A Parochial school has been instituted which will greatly redound, it is trusted, to the benefit of the parish.

The daily service which, from the badness of the streets, had been suspended was resumed at the commencement of Lent, and sufficiently well attended during that Holy season, to warrant the hope, that it may come at length to be regarded as a rich source of blessing, by those over whom the Holy Ghost has

made me an overseer. In a word, the condition of the parish is such as to awaken in me gratitude for the past, and hope for the future. All of which I am respectfully submitted.

D. C. PAGE.

ZION CHURCH, BROWNSVILLE.

The report from the parish, differs only from the last rendered, in the addition of

Confirmation

The Resignation of this Parish also took place in January. Since this he has accepted an invitation from the Parish of Bolivar to become its Rector, and also to take charge of the Female Academy therein—upon the duties of both he entered after his resignation of the above, all of which is respectfully presented.

L. JANSEN.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, KNOXVILLE.

The Rector and Assistant Minister of St. John's Church, Knoxville, report to the Bishop as follows:—

Baptisms—Children,	{ Former members	50	7
Communicants,	{ Added	4	
	{ Ordained to the Ministry	1	Present No.
	{ Repelled	1	52
Burial,			1
Church Offerings:			
Diocesan Missions		\$18.87	
Domestic "		100.00	
Foreign "		50.00	
Fund for aged and infirm Clergy		14.24	
Episcopate Fund		6.00	
Episcopal Assessment		50.00	
Contingent Fund		5.00	
For the Poor		20.00	
Sunday School		8.00	
Various Parochial Uses		86.73	
			\$358.84

For some months past, the custom of weekly offerings has been adopted in accordance with the suggestion of the Bishop, and has been found to work much better in some respects than that of monthly collections. It was the subject of complaint for a while and the apprehension was entertained, that it would have the effect of decreasing considerably the morning congregations. But I am glad to say that it has not had such effect and that the aggregate amount of offerings is largely above that which it would have been, had they not been made weekly. All which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. W. HUMES.
F. ELWELL.

RANDOLPH, COVINGTON, TRINITY PARISH, &c.

The undersigned, Missionary to Randolph, Covington, Trinity Parish, and Somerville, respectfully reports to the Bishop:—That since his ordination, in October last he has officiated monthly in each of the above parishes, when not prevented by inclement weather—he has performed one baptism and solemnized the rite of matrimony between three couples. For the last 6 or 8 weeks he has been on a visit to his Father, during this visit he baptized five children and preached whenever an opportunity presented itself.

WM. M. STEEL.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MAURY COUNTY.

Number of Families belonging to the Parish	-	-	-	-	-	8
Baptized—White. Adults 2, Infants 4	-	-	-	-	-	6
" Colored " 2 " 35	-	-	-	-	-	37
Confirmed—White, 6, Colored 12	-	-	-	-	-	18
Communicants—Added. White 12, Colored 11	-	-	-	-	-	23
" Removed " 2, " 0	-	-	-	-	-	2
" Present No. " 28, " 19	-	-	-	-	-	47
Burials	" 0, "	6	-	-	-	6

Services.—Divine services is celebrated on Sunday morning—the evening services being especially for the Colored congregation, during the winter season, services at the plantations on Wednesday and Sunday nights, are substituted for the evening service at the Church. During the Lenten Season, the weekly Communion was celebrated, and the Daily services in Passion Week.

CATECHISM.—The children of the Parish, both White and Colored, are regularly catechized.

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL.—There is a female school, under the charge of the Rector and Vestry, for boarding and day pupils. The Rector is assisted by competent and experienced teachers in the several departments. It is believed that in the advantages afforded for a thorough and finished education this school is not surpassed by any in this section of the country.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS.—The Weekly Offerings are received, on Communion Sundays, by collection, and on other Sundays in Alms Chests at the door.

The Weekly and other offerings of the Parish have been expended as follows—

Parsonage and Grounds, about	\$3000.00
Bell for Church	212.00
Chancel and other Church Furniture	250.00
Repairing Organ	100.00
Fencing Church Yard	500.00
Painting the Church	100.00
Rector's Salary	600.00
Assessment for the Episcopate	60.00
Contingent Fund of the Diocese	5.00
" Expenses of the Parish	28.30
Domestic Missions of the Church	40.00
Diocesan " "	5.00

The Congregation are now erecting an additional building for the Parochial School, at a cost of about \$2000.

E. H. CRESSEY.

Rev. Jas. H. OTEY :

The undersigned begs leave respectfully to report, that since the meeting of the last Convention of this Diocese, he has been associated for one session with the Rev. Wm. C. Crane in his Parochial School, and under his direction performing Missionary duty, at different points in the country adjacent. At the opening of the Masonic University of the State of Tennessee, at this place, the male department of the P. School being given up, I was induced to accept a place as Professor in that Institution, in which I have ever since been employed, continuing to perform such ministerial duties as this wide-spread and thickly populated country and my own exertions will permit. Our labors in the missionary field here, have resulted only in increasing the deep interest which Mr. Crane has felt for the prosperity of the Church in this section of country. We trust some permanent good has been effected. Baptism 1, Marriage 1, Funeral 1.

Very sincerely yrs. &c.

A. B. RUSSELL.

Clarksville, April, 23d 1849.

REPORT OF REV. THOS. B. LAWSON, DEACON.

I was admitted to Deacon's Orders on Sunday, the 23d of July. From the 26th of October to the 20th of March, I officiated in St. Peter's Church, Uniontown, and in Grace Church, Manallen, Fayette County, Pa. During this period I preached forty-five times.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF CONVENTION.

I. Assessments for the support of the Episcopate.

PARISHES.	DEBIT.	CREDIT.	BALANCE.
Christ Church, Nashville.	\$590, 00	\$	\$500, 00
St. Peter's, Columbia.	100, 00		100, 00
St. Paul's, Franklin.	25, 00		25, 00
Trinity Church, Clarksville.	125, 00		125, 00
Immanuel " LaGrange.	33, 60		33, 60
St. Luke's " Jackson.	50, 00	50, 00	0, 00
St. Paul's " Randolph.	30, 00		30, 00
Zion " Brownsville,	49, 00	25, 00	15, 00
Calvary, " Memphis.	250, 00	100, 00	150, 00
St. James' " Bolivar.	8 , 00	45, 00	40, 00
St. John's " Knoxville.	50, 00	50, 00	
St. John's, " Ashwood.	60, 00	24, 00	36, 00
St. Mark's " Williamsport	29, 00		29, 00
Trinity " Tipton Cty.	25, 00		25, 00
Greenville, " Greenville.	5, 00		5, 00
	<hr/> \$1,398,60	<hr/> \$294,00	<hr/> \$1,104,60

CONTINGENT FUND.

Amount received at Convention	- - - - -	\$35,00
" Christ Church, Nashville,	- - - - -	2 ,00
" Zion " Brownsville,	- - - - -	5,00
" St. James' " Bolivar,	- - - - -	5,00
" Calvary " Memphis.	- - - - -	5,00
" St. Luke's " Jackson,	- - - - -	5,00
" St. John's " Knoxville,	- - - - -	5,00
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Amount paid for Journal,	\$55,00	\$80,00
" quota to Gen'l Con.	14,00	69,00
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Balance in my hands,		\$11,00

MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Amount received from Collection at Knoxville,	\$58,55
" J. L. Chapman,	2,00
" former Treasurer,	73,20
" Dr. Oldham,	2,00
" Mrs. "	2,00
" A. S. "	2,00
" R. H. "	2,00
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By am't paid to Rev. J. W. Rogers.	\$141,75
	50,00
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Balance,	\$91,75
When the incumbent came into office, at the beginning of the current Conven-	

tional year, he found no books nor papers, nor any records whatever, that could satisfactorily determine the precise indebtedness of the several parishes in the matter of arrearages. When he drew, according to the Canon, for the first semi-annual assessment of the current year he asked an acknowledgment on the part of each parish for itself, but none has been given except by Trinity, and Christ Church, Nashville, and those without paying or specifying the precise amount. The foregoing Report therefore, is to be understood as embracing only the two years '47—'48 and '48—'49. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. T. WHEAT.

ACCOUNTS OF THE ACTING TREASURER.

1849. <i>Assessments for the Episcopate.</i>	Geo. G. Cossitt, La Grange,	8 00
Rec'd f'm Trin. Ch., Clarksville, \$50 00	Mrs. M. G. Taylor, Tipton Co.	6 00
" Calvary, Memphis, \$200 00	Geo. T. Taylor, "	6 00
" Christ, Nashville, 125 00	Mrs. M. Wright, Le Grange,	4 00
" St. John's, Ashwood, 3 00	J. H. De La Hay, Nashville,	5 00
" St. Paul's, Franklin, 20 00	Dr. E. T. Rose, Memphis,	2 00
" Zion, Brownsville, 15 00	Mrs. John Anderson, La Grange	6 00
" St. James', Bolivar, 40 00	Miss Susan Hatch, Memphis,	3 00
" Immanuel, La Grange, 34 50	Mrs. Stith, Somerville,	2 00
" Trinity, Tipton Co. 10 00	G. B. Philips, "	2 00
	Mary E. Philips, "	2 00
P'd Bp. Otey, as per his rec'pts, \$530 50	Mrs. Mary Potts, "	10 00
<i>Contingent Fund.</i>	Miss A. E. Fitzhugh, Bolivar,	6 00
Rec'd f'm Trin. Ch. Clarksville, \$20 00	Mrs. C. P. Polk, "	2 00
" Calvary, Memphis, 15 00	Col. Jett, Brownsville,	8 00
" Christ, Nashville, 20 00	Miss S. E. Jett, "	6 00
" St. John's, Ashwood, 5 00	T. R. Polk, La Grange, (donat'n)	5 00
" St. Paul's, Franklin, 5 00	T. G. Anderson, "	5 00
" Zion, Brownsville, 5 00	Mrs. Beauchelle, "	2 00
" St. James', Bolivar, 5 00	J. W. Burton, "	6 00
" Immanuel, La Grange, 10 00	T. J. Kean, "	2 00
" Trinity, Tipton Co. 5 00	Bishop Otey, Columbia,	2 00
	Miss M. E. Harrison, " (dom.)	5 00
\$90 00	Mr. Caruthers, Jackson,	4 00
P'd to Sexton Immanuel Church, 2 50	Mrs. Caruthers, "	4 00
	Mrs. Stoddard, Jackson,	4 00
\$87 50	Collections in Immanuel Church, 77 70	
<i>Missionary and Education Fund.</i>	S. M. Ashe, Brownsville,	4 00
Rev. W. M. Steel, Tipton Co.	Mrs. M. L. Rogers, "	4 00
Mrs. Eliza P. Alston, Randolph,	H. A. Rogers, "	4 00
Miss James J. Alston, "	Mrs. M. S. Ashe, "	4 00
" Mary H. Alston, "	Wm. E. Rogers, "	4 00
" Mary Hardy Alston, "	Mrs. Wormley, Memphis,	5 00
" Annie S. J. Alston, "	Donation,	1 '00
Alex. S. J. Alston, Randolph,	Rev. J. W. Rogers, Franklin,	2 00
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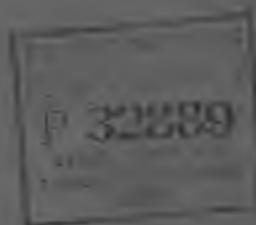
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ENTITLED TO SEATS IN THE CONVENTION, 1850.

The Rt. Rev. JAMES HERVEY OTEY, D. D., *Diocesan and Rector of St. Peter's Church, Columbia.*

The Rev. E. HARRISON CRESSEY, *Rector of St. John's Church, Maury Co.*
" WILLIAM FAGG, " *Immanuel La Grange.*
" WILLIAM H. GOOD, " *Greenville Parish, Greeneville.*
" THOMAS W. HUMES, " *St. John's Church, Knoxville.*
" JOHN P. T. INGRAHAM, *Assistant in Christ Church and Missionary at Nashville.*
" LEWIS JANSEN, *Rector of St. James' Church, Bolivar.*
" J. W. MCGULLOUGH, D. D., " *St. Luke's Jackson.*
" DAVID C. PAGE, D. D., " *Calvary Memphis.*
" JAMES W. ROGERS, " *St. Paul's Franklin.*
" F. G. SMITH, " *Female Institute, Columbia.*
" WILLIAM M. STEEL, *Missionary at Sommerville and in Tipton Co.*
" CHARLES TOMES, *Rector of Christ Church, Nashville.*
" J. A. WHEELOCK, *Minister of St. Matthew's Church, Covington and St. Paul's, Randolph.*
" C. WATERS, *Minister of Zion Church, Brownsville,*

Clergymen belonging to the Diocese, but not entitled to seats.

The Rev. DANIEL STEPHENS, D. D., *Residing at Bolivar.*

" W. H. C. YEAGER, *Residing in California.*

" MOSES S. ROYCE, *Admitted to the Diaconate on the Sunday after the Convention.*

LIST OF PARISHES.

<i>Christ Church,</i>	<i>Nashville,</i>	<i>St. Peter's Church, Columbia,</i>
<i>St. Paul's "</i>	<i>Franklin,</i>	<i>Trinity " Clarksville,</i>
<i>Immanuel "</i>	<i>La Grange,</i>	<i>St. Luke's " Jackson,</i>
<i>St. Paul's "</i>	<i>Randolph,</i>	<i>Zion " Brownsville,</i>
<i>Calvary "</i>	<i>Memphis,</i>	<i>St. James' " Bolivar,</i>
<i>St. Mark's "</i>	<i>Williamsport,</i>	<i>St. John's " Maury county,</i>
<i>St. John's "</i>	<i>Knoxville,</i>	<i>Trinity " Tipton county,</i>
		<i>Greenville Parish, Greene County.</i>

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SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH, Franklin, }
Wednesday, July 3, 1850. }

THE Twenty-second Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the diocese of Tennessee, met in St. Paul's Church, Franklin, on the 3d July, A. D. 1850; being the place and time appointed by the last Convention.

After morning prayer, the Rt. Rev. JAMES HERVEY OTEY, D. D., Diocesan, and EX OFFICIO President of the Convention, caused to be read the list of clergymen entitled to seats; of whom there were present:

The Rev. E. H. Cressey,	Rector of St. John's Church, Maury County.
" William Fagg,	" Immanuel " La Grange,
" J. P. T. Ingraham, Assistant Minister &c.,	in Christ Church Nashville
" J. W. Rogers,	Rector of St. Paul's Church, Franklin,
" Charles Tomes,	" Christ " Nashville,
" Wm. M. Steel, Missionary at Sommerville and in Tipton Co.	

The Certificates of Lay Delegates were referred to the Rev. Messrs. Fagg and Ingraham, as a committee, who reported the following as duly appointed;

<i>Christ Church, Nashville,</i>	{ Francis B. Fogg, Thomas Manney, Matthew Watson.
<i>St. Peter's Church Columbia,</i>	{ James Walker, Dr. Wm. J. Polk, Francis G. Roche.
<i>St. Paul's Church, Franklin,</i>	{ C. H. Hinds, Dr. F. Reed, George R. Long.
<i>St. John's Church, Maury county.</i>	{ Lucius J. Polk, George W. Polk, Andrew J. Polk.

The list being called, the following answered to their names, and took their seats.

<i>St. Peter's Church, Columbia,</i>	James Walker,
<i>St. Paul's " Franklin,</i>	C. H. Hinds, Dr. Reed and Geo. R. Long.
<i>St. John's " Maury Co.,</i>	Lucius J. Polk, G. W. Polk and A. J. Polk.

The Convention then balloted for Secretary, and the Rev. E. H. Cressey was duly elected.

The Rules of Order of the last Convention were adopted for the government of this.

Francis G. Roche was duly elected Treasurer. Mr. Roche not being present in Convention, the Rev. E. H. Cressey was, on ballot, elected Treasurer *PRO TEM.*

RESOLVED, That clergymen of the diocese not entitled to seats in the Convention, clergymen present from other dioceses, and candidates for Holy Orders, be invited to take seats in this Convention.

On motion, the Rev. Messrs. Cressey and Ingraham were appointed a committee on unfinished business.

The Convention then adjourned to Thursday morning.

Thursday, July 4.

The Convention assembled at 8½ o'clock, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop in the Chair. The roll was called, and the following clergymen, not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats.

The Rev. J. W. McCullough, D. D., Rector of St. Luke's Church, Jackson.
" David C. Page, D. D., " Calvary " Memphis.

and the following Lay Delegates:

<i>Christ Church, Nashville,</i>	<i>Messrs. Fogg and Watson,</i>
<i>Zion Church, Brownsville,</i>	<i>Henry A. Rogers.</i>

On motion, Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare a report on the state of the Church.

The Rev. Messrs. Cressey and Tomes, and Mr. Geo. W. Polk were appointed.

The report of the Standing Committee was then read and ordered to be appended to the Journal.

On motion, Resolved, That the committee on convocations, appointed at the last Convention, be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

On motion, Resolved, That the amendment to article VIII of the Convention, requiring the standing committee of the diocese to consist of three clerical and two lay members—which was passed at the last Annual Convention, be unanimously adopted.

The Rev. Drs. Page and McCullough, and the Rev. Mr. Ingraham were appointed a committee on the Constitution and Canons.

The following additions and amendments to the canons were proposed, and on motion, referred to the committee.

1. That the resolutions of the Convention of 1843, on the subject of a Pension Fund in aid of aged and infirm clergymen and the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen, be embodied in a canon.

2. That canon XI be repealed.

3. That canon VI be amended by inserting after the first clause,—“which delegates shall be in full communion with the church.”

4. That canon VII be amended by inserting in the last clause, after the words “in this Convention,” the words “who is not in full communion with the church and—”

RESOLVED, That the Treasurer of the diocese be ordered to pay to the Delegates to the General Convention, the quota due from this diocese to the Contingent Fund of the General Convention, to be paid over by them at the meeting of the same.

The following persons were, on ballot, nominated Trustees for this diocese, of the General Theological Seminary:—the Rev. D. C. Page, D. D., the Rev. E. H. Cressey, and Mr. Francis B. Fogg.

The committee on unfinished business reported that with the exception of the amendment of the Constitution proposed at the last General Convention, changing the time of the meeting of that body, they find nothing on the previous Journals requiring the consideration of this Convention.

The Rev. Dr. McCullough proposed to amend canon VI so as to provide for the election of supplemental delegates to the General Convention. Referred to the committee on the Constitution and canons.

The Convention took a recess till $\frac{1}{2}$ past 3 o'clock.

3½ o'clock, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled, the Bishop in the chair. It was proposed to amend canon XI, instead of repealing it, so as to authorise the employment of an agent to distribute Bibles, Prayer Books, and Church publications. Referred to the committee on the Constitution and canons.

On motion, resolved to proceed to the elections, which resulted as follows :

STANDING COMMITTEE.

On the first ballot the Rev. Messrs. Toimes and Cressey, and Messrs. F. B. Fogg and Dr. J. Shelby were elected. On the second ballot there was no choice. On the third ballot the Rev. J. W. Rogers was elected.

Missionary and Education Committee.

The Rev. E. H. Cressey,	L. J. Polk,
" C. Toimes,	Dr. W. J. Polk,

Episcopate Fund.

Messrs. F. B. Fogg and Thomas Mauney.
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Pension Fund.

The Rev. Dr. McCullough,	Dr. J. Shelby,
" " Page,	M. Watson.

Committee on Assessments.

The Rev. Dr. Page,	Messrs. Fogg,
" Dr. McCullough,	Walker,
" Mr. Fagg,	A. J. Polk,
" " Steel,	Long,
" " Wheelock,	Rogers,
	Miller.

Delegates to the General Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Page,	Messrs. L. J. Polk,
" " McCullough,	F. B. Fogg,
" Mr. Cressey,	Dr. S. Oldham,
" " Toimes,	G. W. Polk.

The following resolution was offered, and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention of this diocese be held at Lebanon, on the day of 1850.

The Treasurer of the Pension Fund presented his report which was ordered to be appended to the Journal.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Pension Fund

be directed to loan on interest the money in belonging to that fund.

The following resolution was offered and lc

Resolved, That each clergyman of this required to pay one dollar, into the hands of the - urer, to make up the quota of this diocese to the Contingent Fund of the General Convention.

The Convention then adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow.

Friday July 5, }
8 o'clock, A. M. }

The Committee assembled, the Bishop in the chair. The Rt. Rev. the Bishop nominated the following persons to fill vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the Columbia Female Institute;—Messrs. Lucius J. Polk, Geo. W. Polk, and Francis B. Fogg, and the nomination was accepted and approved by the Convention.

The Rev. Lewis Jansen appeared and took his seat.

Pitser Miller presented credentials as a delegate from St. James' Church, Bolivar, and took his seat.

The Bishop then laid before the Convention his ANNUAL ADDRESS.

The Parochial Reports were read, and ordered to be appended, as usual, to the Journal.

The Committee on the Constitution and Canons made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on the Constitution and Canons report that in the judgment of the majority of them the proposed amendment to Canon VIII, to the effect that none but persons in full communion with the Church shall be admitted as lay delegates from our parishes in our Diocesan Conventions, is not expedient at the present time. Yet, inasmuch as it is exceedingly to be desired that the existing state of things warranted the exclusion of all non-communicants from our Conventions, therefore the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be and hereby is recommended to our Vestries, or Parishes, as the case may be, that except when the Parish must otherwise be unrepresented in Convention, none but those who are in full communion with the Church be sent as delegates to our Diocesan Conventions, and that the same rule be appli-

eable to the appointment of delegates by the Diocesan Convention, to the General Convention.

On motion it was Resolved that this subject be indefinitely postponed.

The Committee further reported, and recommended the substitution of the following Canon, in place of Canon XI.

CANON XI.

The Ecclesiastical authority is authorised, at its discretion, to appoint an agent to procure and keep on hand a supply of Bibles, Prayer Books, and other works illustrative of the principles of the Gospel in the Church, and who shall be empowered to engage a suitable person to act as a distributing agent of the same.

This Canon was adopted.

The Committee also reported the following Canon in place of the resolution of the Convention of 1843 on the subject of the Pension Funds.

CANON XIX.

OF THE PENSION FUND.

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of every clergyman having charge of a parish in this Diocese, and of the wardens, where there is no clergyman, to make a collection annually, at Christmas, for creating a permanent fund in aid of aged and infirm clergymen, together with the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen.

Sec. 2. All monies so collected shall be placed in charge of a Board of Trustees, consisting of two clergymen and two laymen, to be chosen by the Convention, and of whom the Bishop shall be, ex officio, President, or if there be no Bishop, the President of the Standing Committee. This Board shall exercise a sound discretion in the appropriation of pensions and shall appoint one of their own number Treasurer, to whom all contributions shall be forwarded.

This Canon was adopted, and the Committee discharged.

On motion resolved that the Secretary and the Rev. Mr. Tomes have published the Constitution and Canons of the Church, with the Journal, after comparing and revising the same, and ascertaining what are in force.

The convention then took a recess till 3 o'clock.

Friday, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Committee on Assessments made their report, recommending the following schedule which was adopted and ordered upon the Journal.



	<i>Support of Episcopate.</i>	<i>Contingent Fund.</i>
CHRIST CHURCH—Nashville,	\$300	20
CALVARY " Memphis,	300	20
ST PETER's—Columbia,	150	10
ST. JOHN's—Maury county,	90	10
TRINITY—Clarksville,	50	5
IMMANUEL—La Grange,	25	5
ST. LUKE's—Jackson,	50	5
ST. JHN's—Knoxville,	60	5
ST. JAMES—Bolivar,	30	5
TRINITY—Tipton county, }	20	5
ST. THOMAS—Somerville}		
ST. PAUL's—Randolph,	10	5
ST. MATTHEW's—Covington,	20	5
GREENVILLE PARISH,	25	5
ST. PAUL's—Franklin,	20	5
ZION—Brownsville,	15	5
Total for the Episcopate,	<u>\$1165</u>	For conf. Fund, <u>\$115</u>

The resolution proposing Lebanon as the place of meeting of the next Annual Convention was called up, and after several amendments, it was

RESOLVED, That the next Annual Meeting of the Convention be held in Calvary Church, Memphis, on the first Wednesday in May, 1851.

Messrs. Fogg and Watson had leave of absence for the remainder of the Session.

On motion, Resolved that the Treasurer be, and hereby is directed to pay out of any means in hand not otherwise appropriated, the expense of printing the Bishop's Pastoral Letter upon Christian Manners.

The Acting Treasurer's accounts were referred to Messrs. Miller and Walker, to be audited.

The Rev. Mr. Tomes offered the following resolution which was adopted.

RESOLVED, That in accordance with a resolution passed by the General Convention, 1847, in reference to the publication of Dr. Jarvis' Church History, the Secretary be requested to receive subscriptions for the same, and transmit the names of the subscribers and the amounts received to the Rev. Dr. Jarvis; and further

RESOLVED, That each Clergyman of this Diocese be

requested to aid in increasing the number of subscribers by presenting the subject to members of their respective congregations.

The following amendment to the Constitution was proposed, which being assented to by a majority lies over for final action to the next Convention.

Article IV. In the second clause, after the word "congregations," insert "or Missionaries." After the second clause, insert "all regularly ordained ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese in Priest's Orders who, on account of old age or impaired health are, to the satisfaction of the Ecclesiastical authority, unable to discharge the duties of the Ministry, shall also be entitled to seats in the Convention."

RESOLVED, That the Secretary have printed not less than 350, nor more than 500 copies of the Journal with the usual Appendix.

The Convention adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow.

Saturday 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention assembled, the Bishop in the chair.

On motion, Resolved, that Canon XI be reconsidered. Several amendments were proposed, and passed when, on motion to adopt the Canon as amended it was lost.

The Auditing Committee reported that they had examined the accounts of the acting Treasurer, and found them correct, and recommended that they be appended to the Journal. The recommendation was adopted.

The Report of the Missionary and Education Committee was read and ordered to be printed in the Journal.

It was ordered that the Committee on the State of the Church make their report to the Bishop, and have it appended to the Journal.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Ingraham

RESOLVED, That the clergy of the Diocese be requested to collect a history of their respective parishes, from the beginning, to be submitted to the next Convention.

The Journal was then read and approved, and after singing the 27th Hymn, and prayers and the Benedic-

tion of the Bishop, the Convention adjourned SINE DIE.

Attest, JAS. H. OTEY, D. D. President.
E. H. CRESSEY, Secretary.

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY :

We again meet in Convention, upon the business of our diocese, under circumstances well calculated to inspire a feeling of gratitude to God for the many tokens of his gracious goodness to us, and such as ought to draw from each one of us expressions of devout and thankful acknowledgment.

During the past year the pestilence, known as the Asiatic Cholera, visited many parts of our country and some of the principal towns of this State were not exempted from its fatal ravages. Yet it pleased the Father of mercies that it should touch lightly upon our flocks: very few members of our communion having fallen victims to its violence, and those of our clerical brethren, whose situation and the faithful performance of their duties to the sick and the dead, exposed them eminently to danger, having escaped entirely. On the approach of the cholera to the borders of this diocese, I deemed it proper to address a pastoral letter to the ministers and members of our communion, setting forth forms of prayer to be used publicly in the congregation, and for family use, during the prevalence of the disease amongst us, or while danger was apprehended from its visitation. They are appended in a note to this address as forming proper matter of notice in the account of my official duties.

There are other subjects worthy of thankful notice and acknowledgment by us. Some portions of the church have been much disturbed by questions which have been raised about doctrine and discipline. This diocese has hitherto been most happily preserved from these agitations. And I gladly avail myself of this occasion to say that we shall, by God's blessing, be kept in peace among ourselves, if the clergy will, as heretofore they have done, with scarcely an exception, adhere faithfully "to the form of sound words," set forth by the authority of the church, for use in the public worship of our congregations, and in the administration of the sacraments and other rites of the church. The great doctrines of religion, about which there is almost universal agreement among intelligent christians, are therein set forth, with so much admirable simplicity and plainness, that it seems to me that the mind which raises questions about the teaching of the church, must be obstinately bent upon making difficulties.—I trust I may without uncharitableness say, that many of the debates of the day appear to come very properly under the denomination of those "foolish and unlearned questions," which the apostle warns Timothy to "avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes." Nor can I express my own convictions of what our duty is, as ministers of the Gospel, or recommend the line of duty to my brethren of the clergy in reference to such discussions, in more suitable terms, than those employed by the same apostle, when he says "follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart"—"be gentle to all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves."

As we advance in life and in practical christian experience, we become more

and more thoroughly convinced of the necessity of inculcating upon our fellow men, the cardinal doctrines of the Gospel-faith, repentance and obedience. The fall of man by his own act—his recovery by the intervention of a Redeemer—the offer of a free salvation to all men and its being made available to them by the agency of the Holy Spirit through the instrumentality of the appointed means of grace, are points about which scarcely one is found to dispute. We all agree that man is a depraved creature. We all agree that he must be renewed in his nature—sanctified or made holy in order to attain and enjoy Heaven. We all agree that he must use the means of grace appointed by divine wisdom to this end. What these means are, there is hardly any difference of opinion among ourselves. Can we not be content to use them, knowing that the gracious effect of them is dependent upon God, without disputing about the time and the mode of their operation? The constant and faithful enforcement of these great truths upon the attention of men, urged by arguments drawn from the uncertainty of life and the solemn reckoning of eternity, recommended and illustrated by personal example and deportment, are full enough to occupy all the thoughts and employ all the time of a minister. The unspeakable love of Christ in redemption, and the urgent necessity of “fleeing from the wrath to come,” seem to have formed the burden of the apostles’ preaching, and to have been always present to their thoughts. And if we are “instant in season and out of season,” upon these great concerns, we shall find little opportunity, and perhaps less inclination, to engage in the “questions and strifes of words, wherof cometh envy, strife, evil surmisings,” and the like. But I have the less occasion to continue remarks upon this subject, since, happily we are free, as before observed, from these sources of disquietude, and I have reverted to it, chiefly, to express the pleasure of thankfulness which I trust we feel in common for the blessing of being kept by divine goodness, as “a city that is at unity in itself.”

In the course of the last summer I prepared and addressed to the members of the church in this diocese a Pastoral letter upon the subject of “*christian manners*.” The main object of that letter was to convey a caution against free indulgence in the pleasures of the world. I greatly fear that my warning voice has again been lifted up in vain, like “one crying in the wilderness,” to whom few give heed or attention. I have been pained to observe and hear of a license in these things—anusments, to say the least, of very questionable propriety, and therefore to be avoided by christians—which almost obliterates, if it does not quite efface the line of distinction between the follower of Christ and the man of the world. Parties of pleasure involving a very considerable expense and a great waste of time,—objections the least considerable, contrasted with their acknowledged tendency to erase serious religious impressions, blunt pious sensibilities, and introduce in their stead levity, frivolous manners and a gay dissipating turn of mind,—are, I am sorry to say of frequent recurrence among the families belonging to the communion of our church. I am well aware that it places one in a very ungracious attitude to speak in terms of disapprobation of these things; and the people under our care sometimes tell us that it is no part of our business to do so—that it is puritanical and does no good, and by way of showing that our admonitions and counsels are vain, they sometimes give a freer rein to indulgence in pleasure. Faithfulness must be kept whether our stocks will bear or whether they will forbear. Thus only can we deliver our

own souls. I would, however, through the clergy, and as far as I may, through every member of this convention, call upon those members of our church, who feel able to indulge in worldly amusements to the extent and in the way animadverted on, to consider seriously with themselves whether they can reconcile it with any proper sense of christian propriety thus to indulge themselves, when many of the ministers of that church which they profess to love and honor, are struggling to live upon the scant allowance of one or two hundred dollars a year? I speak not of those laboring in heathen lands—in Asia's sickly clime—or on Afric's burning sands—but of men in your midst—in your own State, who toil on from year to year, under all the discouragements of neglect and dependence, to "strengthen the stakes and lengthen the cords of our Zion."—Yes, there are those amongst us "rich in this world's goods," who make their boast that they are members of the church, and yet would begrudge to give her a hundredth part of their yearly income, in her greatest necessity. Such things ought not to be. Under the authority of the 47th canon of the General Convention I also addressed the clergy of this diocese last summer, appointing a service for the national fast-day appointed by the President of the United States to be observed on the first Friday in August, 1849. The letter and prescribed form of service are hereto appended.

The report made to the last convention terminated the account of my official services on the 4th day of May, 1849.

Saturday, May 5.—In Immanuel Church, La Grange, after prayers I preached and confirmed four persons.

Sunday, 6.—In the same church after morning prayer and a sermon by the Rev. Dr. Page, I admitted Mr. John Ambrose Wheelock, a candidate for order, to the office of Deacon; and administered the holy communion. On the same day I baptized four infants at evening prayer.

June 8 & 9.—Preached in Trinity Church, Clarksville.

Sunday, 10.—After morning prayer and sermon by Rev. Mr. Tomes I admitted the Rev. A. B. Russell to the order of Priesthood and administered the holy communion. On the same day preached after evening prayer.

June 1 & 24.—Officiated in St. John's Church, Ashwood, by reading prayers and preaching, morning and afternoon of each day.

July 8.—Read prayers, baptized two infants, preached and administered the Lord's Supper in St. Mark's Church, Williamsport.

July 13.—Visited and baptized a sick servant in St. John's parish, Ashwood.

July 15.—Preached in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, in the morning. In the afternoon read prayers and preached in St. John's Church, Ashwood, and then buried an adult and an infant.

July 22.—After prayers, preached, morning and afternoon, in St. Paul's church Franklin. In the afternoon confirmed three persons.

August 5.—Preached and administered holy communion in St. Peter's church, Columbia.

September 2.—Preached in St. John's church, Knoxville, and at Greenville on the 7th and 8th officiated by preaching and reading prayers.

September 9.—After morning prayer in the new and unfinished church edifice at Greenville, I preached and confirmed twenty-two persons. Afternoon and at night, prayer having been said, I preached and confirmed four persons, making twenty-six in all, confirmed in this parish at this visitation. The congregation

here appear to be animated by a good spirit. They are united in their objects and aims and seem to be striving together to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. They have erected a neat and commodious church building, which with some foreign aid they have been able to furnish with an organ, communion service of plate, and other suitable furniture, and the whole is now understood to be in readiness for consecration. The consummation of so desirable a work in so short a time is due to the activity and zeal of a few laymen aiding the judicious plans of their worthy Rector, the Rev. Mr. Good.

Sep. 11.—On my return from Greenville, stopped and preached in the afternoon at New Market.

Sep. 13.—Performed the like service at night in St. John's Church, Knoxville.

Sep. 15.—In the same church after prayers, I preached and confirmed *seven* persons.

Sep. 16.—Morning prayer being ended in St. John's Church, I preached and admitted to the order of Priesthood the Rev. Fr. Elwell. The Lord's Supper was administered, in which a large number participated.

October 3, 4 & 5.—In St. James' Church, Bolivar, after prayers by the minister I preached on each of these days.

Oct. 6.—Having reached Jackson from Bolivar I preached in St. Luke's Church after prayers by the Rev. Dr. McCullough.

Oct. 7.—Performed the like service, in the same church, morning and afternoon, and on the latter occasion, confirmed *eight* persons and delivered an address to them.

Oct. 8.—Arrived at Brownsville in time for service at night which was celebrated in "a large upper room" in the Court House, after which I preached.

Oct. 9.—Left Brownsville for Eylau, the residence of Dr. Oldham and arrived about sundown where the next day I baptized six children.

Oct. 11.—Having reached Durhamville last evening I preached this morning in the Baptist Meeting House after prayer by Mr. Wheelock, and set off immediately afterwards for Covington, 14 miles distant, where I arrived in time to have service and preach at 4 P. M. At night I again preached and confirmed *two* persons.

Oct. 12.—Proceeded this morning to Trinity Church, Tipton County, where after prayers I preached, confirmed *two* persons and administered the Lord's supper to eleven.

Oct. 14.—In St. Paul's Church, Randolph, after morning prayer by Rev. Mr. Steel I preached and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon I baptized two adults and two infants, preached, confirmed *ten* persons and addressed them. In the interval between the morning and evening prayer, I confirmed a sick person at a private house.

Oct. 16.—Service had been appointed at Ravenscroft Chapel for yesterday, but a heavy and continued rain prevented our assembling together until 3 P. M. to-day. Prayers were said by Rev. Mr. Steel: I preached, confirmed *three* persons and administered the Holy Communion to ten.

A melancholy interest is thrown around the records which I make of my visits to this place. Year after year, in succession, I have been called on to notice the decease of some member of the family here resident, so long and so favorably known for their zeal and attachment to the cause of "Christ and his Church," until nearly all of them now repose in death around the walls of

the humble fane, in which they have been accustomed to unite their hearts and voices in worship. Since the visit just mentioned, death has been more busy among them than ever. Miss MARY H. ALSTON, than whom, I know not that I have ever met with a person more exemplary in the discharge of every Christian and social duty—one more devoted to those kind offices to the sick, suffering and needy, which invest female character with a peculiar charm and loveliness—one of more pure and elevated views of what became the Christian or one more humble in her pretensions—this dutiful child, affectionate sister and devoted friend, was suddenly called, as we humbly trust and believe to the “rest which remaineth for the people of God,” on the morning of the 6th of January last—the festival of the Epiphany—a day observed, as you know, in commemoration of Christ’s manifestation to the Gentiles—and which, if a choice of the time of our departure hence were allowed, one might almost wish to be the favored hour, when called to behold the brighter glories of a Saviour’s face in Paradise. A few days after her decease, the son of our lamented brother, the Rev. P. W. Alston, and a very promising child, was also gathered to the rest of the grave. And now the aged mother of this family, like the prophetess of old, “of a great age,” and who indeed from her trials, afflictions, charity and faith, may be called a “mother in Israel,” stripped of all her earthly supports, but one surviving son, and left to trust more entirely in the covenant mercies of her God, awaits in patience and hope the hour that summons her to rejoin the children who have preceded her to “the narrow house of silence.” When we witness or hear of such desolation sweeping over earthly prospects and blighting fond hopes, how ought we to be humbled, and be moved to “set our affections not on things on the earth, but on things above.”

Oct. 21.—After morning prayer in Calvary Church, Memphis, I preached and admitted Mr. Reginald Heber Walker, a candidate for Orders, to the diaconate, and assisted by Rev. Dr. Page administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, after prayers and a sermon by Rev. Mr. Fagg, I confirmed twelve persons.

Oct. 24.—In the same church after morning prayer by the Rev. A. Freeman, we were favored with a sermon from the Rt. Rev. Dr. Freeman, the missionary Bishop: after which I admitted to the order of Priesthood the Rev. Wm. Steel, in charge of the missionary stations at Somerville and in its neighborhood.

Oct. 26.—Preached in the morning and at night at Somerville and confirmed one person.

Oct. 28.—After morning prayer in Immanuel Church, La Grange, I preached and administered the holy communion. In the afternoon I again preached and confirmed one person.

Arriving at home early in November, I have continued since to perform parochial duty and preach in St. Peter’s Church, Columbia, except when necessarily absent on official duty.

Nov. 6.—Celebrated the rites of matrimony in Hickman County, between John W. Jones, Esq., of Virginia, and Louisa P. Gordon, of Tennessee.

Nov. 11.—Preached in Trinity Church, Clarksville at night, after prayers by Rev. Mr. Crane.

Nov. 18.—In the same Church, morning prayer having been said by Rev. Mr. Crane, I preached, and confirmed four persons. Preached again in the afternoon.

Nov. 25.—In Christ Church, Nashville, after morning prayer by Rev. Mr.

Tomes, I preached, confirmed *sixteen* persons and delivered an address. In the afternoon at the Mission Chapel, under charge of the Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, after prayers by him, I preached and confirmed *five* persons. After this I confirmed a sick lady in private, belonging to Mr. Ingraham's care.

Nov. 29.—This being the day appointed by the civil authority to be observed as a day of thanksgiving by the people of this State I read prayers and preached in St. Peter's Church, Columbus.

Feb. 13, 1850.—This being Ash-Wednesday I preached in Christ Church, Nashville, after prayers by the Rector.

From this time till the 16th of March I was absent from the diocese, upon official duty in Mississippi. On the 23d February I consecrated St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, Miss., and on the day following being St. Matthias' day, in the same church, assisted by the Rt. Rev. Drs. Polk, Cobbs and Freeman, and acting under authority of a commission from the Presiding Bishop, consecrated to the office of Bishop in the church of God, for the diocese of Mississippi, the Rev. William Mercer Green, D. D. By this solemn act the ecclesiastical organization of the diocese of Mississippi has been happily completed, and with every prospect under the divine blessing, of great benefit to the church.

March 17.—Upon my return homeward I preached in Calvary Church, Memphis, after morning prayer and confirmed *two* persons. In the afternoon I preached in the Mission Church organized within the last year and placed in charge of the Rev. Mr. Weller. This enterprise was commenced with very encouraging prospects of success. The friends of it purchased a lot having a house on it, fitted up as a place of worship and the attendance on the services was good. The Rev. Mr. Weller has recently removed to St. Louis and the Mission is now left in care of the Rev. Dr. Page who gives as much attention to its interests as the duties of his own parish will permit. It is greatly to be desired and hoped that this position of acknowledged importance may speedily be supplied with the labors of a faithful and diligent pastor.

March 24.—Preached at Chris Church, Nashville, in the morning and at the Mission Church in the afternoon and catechized the children.

April 21.—At Pulaski, on this day, I administered the holy communion to a sick member of our church, whom I had been called to visit, and who has since departed from this world "in the true faith and fear of God's holy name"—the happy consummation of a life illustrated by the faithful discharge of every christian duty. On the occasion of this visit, besides preaching, I baptized four children, and confirmed *two* persons, who also for the first time partook of the holy communion. With the influence of the friends and members of the church already at Pulaski, and deeply interested in its welfare, it is believed, that it would be a comparatively easy task for an active and intelligent clergyman to collect a congregation and establish a church.

May 12.—At the Mission Church in Nashville after morning prayer, I preached and confirmed *eleven* persons and delivered an address. In the afternoon at Christ Church, I preached and confirmed *eight* persons. In the interval between these services, I attended at the Penitentiary for the purpose of administering confirmation to a number of the convicts who had been instructed and prepared for this rite chiefly, by the labors of Mr. Jos. H. Ingraham, one of our candidates for orders. Mr. Ingraham has been laboring for two years with great diligence and zeal to improve the religious character of these unhappy

and unfortunate men. He undertook this work with my consent and approbation and under the sanction of the authority of the State. His efforts deserve and will, I doubt not, receive the hearty commendation of every true follower of Christ and every lover of his kind, while the approbation of his own conscience, next to the favor of God, will be his richest reward. I found *eight and twenty* of the prisoners desirous, and prepared by previous instruction to receive the rite of confirmation, which after suitable addresses and the customary prayers, was administered to them. May the Holy Spirit of grace make it a rich blessing to their souls!

June 1.—In St. Peter's Church, Columbia, after prayers by Rev. Mr. Cressey, I preached and confirmed *two* persons.

June 23.—Officiated in St. John's Church, Ashwood, by reading prayers and preaching in the morning. In the afternoon, after prayers by the Rev. Mr. Cressey, I again preached and confirmed *four* persons.

It will be seen from the foregoing statements that I have, in the course of the year past, assisted at the consecration of one Bishop, admitted two persons to the order of Deacons and three to that of Priesthood, and confirmed *one hundred and sixty-two* persons. The following clergymen have taken dimissory letters and removed from the Diocese: the Rev. William C. Crane to the diocese of Louisiana—the Rev. John T. Wheat, D. D., to North Carolina—the Rev. Fr. Elwell to Kentucky—the Rev. A. B. Russell to Louisiana—the Rev. Th. B. Lawson to Pennsylvania—the Rev. R. H. Weller to Missouri. The Rev. Samuel Sherwell, deacon, has, at his own request, been displaced from the ministry.

The Rev. Cyrus Waters has been received and acknowledged as a Presbyter upon letters dimissory from the Bishop of Maryland, and has been laboring as a Missionary at Brownsville and Ripley.

The candidates for orders belonging to this diocese are William L. White, Joseph H. Ingraham, Moses S. Royce and Ch. F. Collins. The name of Wm. B. Reese has been dropped from the list at his own request.

During the last session of the Legislature of Tennessee I applied to and obtained from that body, a charter for the establishment of an institution in Maury County, for the education of boys; it is incorporated under the name of Ravenscroft College and the number of Trustees is four. By reference to my last report, it will be perceived that the available funds at our disposal for the erection of the necessary building contemplated for this School or College amounted to the sum of \$1850. During the last winter I addressed a few lines to the ministers of the church in the United States, having parochial charge, soliciting of their congregations through them, a donation of *five dollars* to aid us in this work. The response made to this call up to this day has placed at our disposal the sum of six hundred and eighteen dollars. All our available means will not justify us in contracting for a building at present. We must wait patiently until the liberal minded members of the church and the friends of religious education shall enable us by their contributions to put the College upon such a foundation and unencumbered by debt, as will secure its permanency. I cannot yet persuade myself that these contributions will be withheld. The preparatory department of the College has been very admirably conducted up to the close of the last month, under the care of Mr. Donald McLeod, aided by Mr. M. S. Royce. It was found, however, that the income of the establish-

ment could not meet the expense of rent for buildings and other indispensable outlay, and therefore both prudence and justice required that the operations of the school should cease. Accordingly the pupils were dismissed after the late examination with the information that the exercises would not be resumed, until we could erect the requisite buildings for their accommodation. This was a result which every patron of the school deeply regretted; for its management had given unqualified satisfaction; but it was a result which could not be avoided without the danger of incurring debt.

It having pleased God again to visit the diocese with the cholera, I authorise and request the clergy to use the forms of prayer heretofore set forth by me for such an occasion as circumstances may require.

Commending you to God in all your ways and beseeching Him to guide and bless you in your present work I remain your faithful friend and affectionate pastor.

JAS. H. OTEY.

FRANKLIN, July 5th, 1850.

PASTORAL LETTER.

To the Ministers and members of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Tennessee.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN:

There is just reason to fear, that that dreadful pestilence, called the Cholera, with which God in his wise providence has visited many nations of the earth, will ere long make its entrance into our borders. In the anticipation of such a visitation, it seems to me not unreasonable to address to you a few words of counsel and exhortation, to encourage you in the performance of such duties as will probably devolve on you, in a season of general alarm and calamity, and to set forth the forms of prayer, hereafter following, to be used on the occasions for which they are specially designated.

We should remember, that all diseases are the just visitation of God for sin, that they act by his permission, that we are dependent on his blessing for their cure and removal, and that they serve wise and valuable ends by reminding us of the uncertainty of life, and teaching us to live in such habits of piety, watchfulness and true godliness, as will prepare us, whenever called on, to obey without fear and surprise, the summons that bids us give account of our stewardships. When sickness becomes so general as to assume the character of pestilence we are warranted in concluding that it is the judgment of God,—a judgment calling for particular notice. Such instances of the divine displeasure manifested towards nations for their impiety and irreligion are, as you know, recorded in the word of God, and written, it wou'd seem, for warning and admonition. In calling to mind, then, our own personal sins and wickedness, we should likewise remember and confess our iniquity and sinfulness as a nation, as having provoked by our pride, vain glory, ingratitude and forgetfulness of God, the righteous indignation and wrath of Heaven. Let us with true and penitent hearts acknowledge our unworthiness, confess the wickedness of our people in these things, and with the full purpose of amending our lives, implore God to avert his wrathful displeasure from ourselves and from our country. It may be that He will hear our cries, for he declares himself to be a God of mercy, full of tenderness and pity, and will not suffer the destroyer to come nigh our dwellings to hurt us.

Trusting thus, dear brethren, in his compassion, love and protection, we shall possess our souls in patience, shall be delivered from unreasonable and discomposing fears and be the more ready to administer to our fellow-men the kind offices and assistance which their necessities and miseries may call for at our hands. Remember the words of our blessed Lord, "*I was sick and ye visited me*" —to be pronounced hereafter to gladden the hearts of God's faithful children—add be assured that the recollection of such a charity on your part, performed

to one of the least of those for whom Christ died, will diminish nought from your peace and comfort of mind in a dying hour, and will lessen not your joy in the great day of eternity.

Should it please God then to send among us the dreaded pestilence to scourge us for our sins and to chastise us for our ingratitude and forgetfulness of his many and great blessings, I trust and pray that there may be found among you, no irreligious fear, or cowardly dread unbecoming your profession, no shrinking from the discharge of all the offices of religion and the duties of charity and humanity which the poor the sick and the afflicted may need. Cultivate a spirit of devout affection and calm trust towards God, as one of the best preservatives against the attacks of disease, and may He for the sake of his dear Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, give us wise, sober patient and understanding minds, devout, religious and courageous hearts, that we may serve Him acceptably without fear while we live, and be made meet for his presence when we come to die.

Your affectionate friend and faithful Pastor,

JAS. H. OTEY.

COLUMBIA, January 11, 1849.

PRAYER,

To be used in the Episcopal congregations of the Diocese of Tennessee during the apprehension of danger from "Cholera," immediately before the General Thanksgiving, at Morning and Evening Prayer.

Most gracious Father and God, who hast promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn to thee, look down, we beseech thee, from heaven thy dwelling place, upon us thy unworthy servants, who under an awful apprehension of thy judgments, and a deep conviction of our sinfulness, prostrate ourselves before thee. We acknowledge it to be of thy goodness alone, that, whilst thou hast visited other people with pestilence, thou hast so long spared us. Have pity, O Lord, have pity upon us.—Withdraw thy heavy hand from those who are suffering under thy judgments, and arrest the grievous calamity with which others have been scourged, and against which our only security is in thy compassion.—We confess, with shame and contrition, that in the pride and hardness of our hearts, we have shown ourselves unthankful for thy mercies, and have followed our own inclinations instead of thy holy laws; yet, O merciful Father, suffer not thy destroying angel to lift up his hand against us, but keep us in health and safety; and grant, that being warned by the sufferings of others, to repent of our sins, we may be preserved from all evil by thy mighty protection, and enjoy the continuance of thy mercy and grace, through the merits of our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ. Amen.

In any place in the Diocese in which the Cholera is prevailing, the following prayers are to be used instead of the foregoing.

O Lord, we beseech thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee; that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Almighty God, the Lord of Life and Death, of sickness and health; regard our supplications we humbly beseech thee; and as thou hast thought fit to visit us for our sins with great sickness and mortality, in the midst of thy judgments, O Lord, remember mercy. Have pity upon us miserable sinners, and withdraw from us the grievous sickness with which we are afflicted. May this thy fatherly correction have its due influence upon us, by leading us to consider how frail and uncertain our life is: that we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom, which in the end will bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COLUMBIA, July 12, 1849.

To the Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Tennessee.

Rev. AND DEAR BRETHREN :

The President of the United States having recommended the first Friday in August to be observed by the people, as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer to Almighty God, to intreat his merciful deliverance of our country from the dreadful scourge of the Cholera, it has seemed to me proper, in compliance with the above named recommendation, and in accordance with the provisions of the 47th canon of the General Convention, to set forth the following service to be used in all our Congregations in the diocese of Tennessee on Friday the 3d day of August next. A very slight departure will be found from the daily service of the Church, in what is here set forth; the Psalms and the lessons in the Calendar, as will be seen, by examination, being very appropriate to the occasion.

Commending you and your flocks to the grace and protection of our Heavenly Father, in these times of fear, when God's judgments are abroad in the earth, and earnestly praying that we may all truly repent of our sins and do works of righteousness, I remain beloved Brethren, your faithful friend and affectionate pastor,

JAS. H. OTEY,
Bishop of Tennessee.

Service set forth to be used in all the Episcopal Congregations in Tennessee, on Friday the 3d day of August, 1849, being the day recommended by the President of the United States to be observed as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer.

1. Prayer in the morning as in the daily service. The Psalms as in the Psalter for the 3d day. Lessons as in the Calendar, viz: 1 Lesson, Job xxxvii. 2 Lesson, St. Matthew xxi, v. 23 to the end.

After the Litany and before the general thanksgiving, the last three collects appointed for Ash-Wednesday. In the communion service, the Collect, Epistle and Gospel, the same as for Ash-Wednesday.

Afternoon or at night. Evening prayer as in the daily service, using as the collect for the day, the 1st collect for Ash-Wednesday. Psalm as in the Psalter for 3d day. 1 Lesson, Job xxxviii, 2 Lesson, 2 St. Peter iii.

Before the General Thanksgiving at evening prayer, the following prayer is appointed to be said.

O, most mighty God and Merciful Father! terrible in thy judgments, and wonderful in thy doing towards the children of men, we thy sinful creature, here assembled before thee, do for ourselves and for all the people of this land acknowledge and confess the crying sins and iniquities, public and private, which have brought down thy heavy judgments upon us. We implore thy Fatherly forgiveness, and beseech thee for the multitude of thy tender mercies in Jesus Christ, to turn away thy wrath and indignation from us, and afflict us no more. Let it please thee to deliver thy people from the fear and scourge of pestilence, and grant that thy fatherly corrections may be improved by us to the gracious ends for which only they are sent, in leading us to a true repentance and a sincere obedience to thy holy laws, that so we may in the end, obtain everlasting life. Preserve and defend all Christian rulers, especially those who rule over us. Bless the clergy with soundness of doctrine and purity of life—our counsellors with wisdom—our judges with integrity—our magistrates with discretion, and the people with the grace of obedience and submission. Comfort all that are in affliction, hear the sighings of the distressed, the groans of the sick, the prayers of the oppressed, the desires of the poor and needy, the cries of those who have none to help them: give them patience under their sufferings and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. Hear these our prayers, O merciful Father! through Jesus Christ our only Mediator and most holy Redeemer! Amen!

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

OF THE DIOCESE OF TENNESSEE TO THE CONVENTION OF 1850.

Recommended to the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, for Priest's Orders, the following persons:

May 21, 1849.—Rev. Ambrose B. Russell, Deacon,
June 26, '49.—Rev. Frederick Elwell, Deacon,
Oct'r. 16, '49.—Rev. William M. Steele, Deacon,
July 1, 1850.—Rev. John Ambrose Wheelock, Deacon.

Recommended for Deacon's Orders.

August 4, 1849.—Reginald H. Weller,
July 1, 1850.—Moses S. Royce.

Recommended as a candidate for Holy Orders.

January 18, 1850.—Charles F. Collins.

July 15, 1849.—Granted the canonical testimonials in behalf of the Rev.
Wm. M. Green, D. D., Bishop elect of the Diocese of Mis-
sissippi.

July 18, 1849.—Granted the canonical testimonials in behalf of the Rev.
George Upfold, D. D., Bishop elect of the Diocese of Indiana.
CHARLES TOMES, *Secretary.*

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with a form of prayer.
2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.
3. No member shall absent himself from the business of the House, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.
4. Every member speaking in debate shall rise from his seat, and, without advancing, shall respectfully address the President, confining his observations strictly to the point in debate.
5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without permission from the President.
6. A question being once determined, shall not again be brought before the House, unless on a motion for reconsideration made by one of the majority.
7. No motion shall be considered as before the House, unless it be seconded; and reduced to writing, when required.
8. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken immediately, and without debate.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, NASHVILLE.

To THE RT. REV. THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE:

The Rector of Christ Church, Nashville, reports as follows:

Infant Baptisms,	{ In the Parish Church, 47 In St. Paul's Chapel, 13 }	Total, 60
Adult Baptisms,	{ In the Parish Church, 9 In St. Paul's Chapel, 4 In the State Penitentiary, 29 }	Total, 41
Confirmations,	{ In the Parish Church, 23 In St. Paul's Chapel, 17 In the State Penitentiary, 28 }	Total, 68

Communicants,	Of the Parish Church,	Died,	4	Present No. 153
		Removed,	15	
		Added,	29	
Of St. Paul's Chapel,		Died,	1	

MARRIAGES,	{ In the Parish Church,	7)	TOTAL,	10
	{ In St. Paul's Chapel,	3}		
BURIALS,	{ Of the Parish Church,	22)	TOTAL,	26
	{ Of St. Paul's Chapel,	4}		

CHURCH OFFERINGS.—For the sixty-two Sundays since the last Convention they have amounted to \$1061 52, making an average of \$17 12 per week.—They have been appropriated as follows:

For St. Paul's Chapel, Nashville,	\$141 50
“ Contingent expenses of the Church,	272 28
“ Insurance of Church Building,	50 00
“ The Poor,	97 70
“ The Pension Fund,	10 00
“ The Protestant Orphan Asylum,	20 00
“ The support of the Episcopate Assessment for the present year,	250 00
“ Ditto in account of arrearages,	200 00
“ Contingent expenses of Convention,	20 04
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The Church is open daily for morning and evening prayer.

The children of the congregation are openly catechized in the Church on every Lord's day, by the Rector.

In July last the following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted by the Vestry of Christ Church.

“ WHEREAS, It is our duty as members of the Church to use all proper means for extending the blessings and privileges which we enjoy among those who are destitute; and whereas there are great numbers of persons residing in and about the city of Nashville in such destitution, many of whom might, if opportunity were offered them, be brought into the fold of the Church, therefore

“ Resolved, That in connection with Christ Church, means be taken for the establishment of a Mission for extending the blessings of the Church in and about the city of Nashville—such Mission to be under the direction of the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of Christ Church.

“ Resolved, That the Rev. John P. T. Ingram be and is hereby invited to become the Assistant Minister in this Parish with a view to the particular ministerial charge of the Mission, and that the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese be requested to appoint the Rev. J. P. T. Ingram as Missionary under the General Board of Domestic Missions.”

In pursuance of the above resolutions, a house has been rented in South Nashville and opened as St. Paul's Chapel, in the duties connected with which the Rev. J. P. T. Ingram has been successfully laboring as a Missionary of the General Board of Domestic Missions since 1st July last. The statistical account of his labors is included in the statement above—for further particulars reference is made to his own report herewith annexed.

At the State Penitentiary, catechetical and biblical instruction to the Prisoners is regularly given on every Lord's day by Mr. Joseph H. Ingraham acting as lay reader. Holy Baptism has been administered by the Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham and myself in the Penitentiary—the statistical account of which is included in the statement above.

Divine service is occasionally performed by myself at the State Lunatic Asylum.

CHARLES TOMES,
Rector of Christ Church.

Nashville Tenn., July 2, 1850.

ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL, NASHVILLE.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., July 2, 1850.

Rt. REV. AND DEAR SIR:

I have the honor to submit the following report of my labors as Assistant Rector of Christ Church in this city, and in particular us having Missionary charge of St. Paul's Chapel in the same.

Services were commenced in this chapel on the 23d of September 1849. Since this time until the late sickness, the congregation has averaged about fifty persons. At the beginning of these services, there were 12 communicants enrolled on the Parish Books of Christ Church, who became attendants here. To these there have been additions by confirmation 17, by removal 5. Loss by removal 4, by death 1—present number 29. There have been infant baptisms 13, adult 4; marriages 3, burials 4.

The services of this so called Parish, though a part of that of Christ Church, have from the beginning been held in a small hired room. Nor will measures be taken for forming a Parish or building a church until the congregation is a little more firmly established. Thus far its influence we trust has been good for the church in that quarter. The offertory has been regularly taken each Sunday, and is the only way in which Parishioners are called upon to give. The sum total of these for the year has amounted to about fifty-five dollars.

Much could be said of interest concerning this little work, but we refrain, preferring that results shall speak more truthfully.

Very respectfully,

Your son in the church,

J. P. T. INGRAHAM.

Rt. REV. J. H. OTTER, D. D.

VINE STREET, July 1, 1850.

To the Rt. Rev. THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE:

In obedience to the request of the Rev. Mr. Tomez, Rector of the Parish, I herewith send you a brief summary of the results of the past year's religious services at the Penitentiary performed by me as lay reader under your authority.

Although this Prison has been in existence more than twenty years, and averages 200 convicts it was only at the last session of the General Assembly that religious teaching was recognised by law, in the establishment of a chaplaincy. Under this law I was six months ago appointed the chaplain, having for two and a half years previously voluntarily given my services every Sunday to the prison as lay-reader.

The second year of my services there were 16 convicts baptized by my brother, Rev. John P. T. Ingraham, and within the present year twelve more were baptized by Rev. Mr. Tomez, and on the same Sunday 28 were confirmed by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese. Two others who had been previously baptized in prison and whose time had expired, presented themselves and were confirmed at St. Paul's Chapel in town; thus conscientiously abiding, after their discharge from prison, by their baptismal vows.

The general conduct of the prisoners has improved since they have been regularly taught from Sunday to Sunday, as the report of the warden asserts in unqualified terms. The services are always deeply interesting, and in singing, the united harmony of so many male voices, when we reflect upon the former character of the worshippers, is singularly impressive.

The power of the gospel over the hearts of men has been strikingly exemplified in the present visitation of the cholera—fifty men now lying more or less prostrate with this disease and five having died of it. Christian patience in suffering, christian fortitude in death I have here witnessed of a sort that the world believes is to be looked for only among those whose privilege it is to die in the bosom of their own homes. The gospel seems to find its true and proper field where men are most lost! The good that religious teaching produces upon convicts is incalculable. From nearly three years constant attendance at the prison I am satisfied that two out of every three prisoners may be made christian men, and nine out of every ten reformed men; and when the reformation of the prisoner

rather than his profit *per centum* to the State shall become the aim of legislation, there will be few re-commitments; and, as most persons know, a large proportion of men in all prisons are re-commitments.

I have distributed nearly two hundred prayer-books to the convicts, and each prisoner will be furnished with a Bible. I have also had two classes for teaching men to read, of whom I have taught about thirty, and the balance I hope will be able to read in the Bible after a few more lessons. A religious Teacher in such a field as a prison has his own reward in their deep attention, their humble gratitude, and their earnest, eager thirsting after knowledge.

J. H. INGRAHAM,
Lay-reader and Chaplain of Tenn. Penitentiary.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, COLUMBIA.

The undersigned took charge of St. Peter's Church in January of this year and from the Parish Register reports the following statistics:

Families,	{Former No. reported to last Convention, 19} {Added since last report, 5}	Present no. 24
Baptisms,	{Adults, 3} {Infants, 5}	Total, 8
Confirmations,		2
Communicants—Former number reported,		66
Removed,	15	
Misreported,	2	
Suspended,	1	
Added by confirmation,	2	
" by reception from other parishes,	8	
Present number,	6	56
Marriage,		1
Collections at the Communion, \$23 20		
" for Pension Fund, pd. to Tr. 11 00		
" for Missions in Tennessee, 41 00		
" Weekly offerings, 119 10		
" for support of Episcopate, 100 00		
" for Contingent Fund, 10 00	\$303 30.	
July 3, 1850.		JAS. H. OTEY, Rector.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, FRANKLIN.

The Rector of St. Paul's Church, Franklin, respectfully reports to the Bishop as follows:

Families in the Parish,	12
Communicants, (Added 6, 2 colored, one removed, one dead,) 20	
Baptisms—Adults 3, (2 colored) infants 12, colored — 15	
Confirmed, 3	
Weekly Offerings, \$69 00	
Fund of disabled clergymen, 2 50	
Domestic Missions, 4 00	
Diocesan Mission, 4 60	
Episcopate, 20 00	
Contingent expenses of Convention, 5 00	
Repairing the Church, 100 00	
	———— \$257 10

J. W. ROGERS.

TRINITY CHURCH, CLARKSVILLE.

The late Rector of Trinity Church, Clarksville, respectfully reports to the Bishop of the Diocese, the following statements of official acts performed in

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the Parish, from the last meeting of the Convention up to Easter, 1850.

Baptisms—Infants 11, adults 6, whole number	17
Confirmations,	4
Marriages,	2
Funerals,	4
Communicants,	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: space-between;"> Former number, 53 Added, 5 Died, 2 Removed, 4 Present number, 52 </div>
Collections at the "Weekly offertory," from June 1849 to April, 1850,	\$155 80
Paid current assessment for the support of the Episcopate,	50 00
On account of arrearages due	68 00

WM. C. CRANE.

CALVARY CHURCH, MEMPHIS.

No. of families,	74
Baptisms during past year—Infants, (white) 35, (col'd.) 2, Adults 5,	42
Confirmations,	12
Marriages,	12
Burials,	23
Communicants,	105
Sunday Scholars,	60
Teachers, Male,	3
" Female,	7

Collections at the offertory from 23d April, '49 to 23d June, '50.	\$639 30
Contributions to Episcopate Fund,	250 00
To Diocesan Missions,	100 00
To support of Chapel in South Memphis,	128 00
Balance expended for incidental and charitable uses.	

The Rector would gratefully record that, at the last term of the Chancery Court, a title was decreed to the lot upon which the Parish Church is erected ; in reference to which some difficulty had arisen owing to the death of his predecessor, in whom the title originally vested.

The untoward character of the winter has operated adversely to the effectiveness of the church services, but the condition of the Parish is by no means discouraging, and so far as its external arrangements are concerned, the Rector is happy to have it in his power to state to the Bishop, that measures are being taken which will speedily result, he trusts, in its being released from its pecuniary liabilities, and thus enabled to extend its usefulness as well within the limits of the city, as in the Diocese at large. All which is respectfully submitted.

D. C. PAGE, *Rector.*

IMMANUEL CHURCH, LA GRANGE.

The Rector of Immanuel Church, La Grange, reports to the Bishop :	4
Baptisms,	4
Confirmations,	4
Communicants,	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: space-between;"> Former number, 30 Removed, 2 Added, 1 Present number, 29 </div>
Marriages,	3
Burials,	3
Sunday School Teachers,	6
" " Scholars, about	40
Monthly collection at communion,	\$30 00
For the Bishop's salary,	25 00
" Contingent expenses,	5 00

" Domestic missions, The Ladies of the congregation have contributed, for the improvement of the Church, Half my time, only, is given to this congregation.	8 00 115 00
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WILLIAM FAGG.

REPORT OF ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSON.

To THE RT. REV. THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF TENNESSEE.

Two services regularly on Sundays, except two or three days. Service once on most of the holy days; frequently on Wednesdays; twice a week during Lent.

Baptisms—Infants 6, adults 2,	8
Confirmations,	5
Communicants,	(By last report, Died, 1 Removed, 2 Adized, 12)
	31 2 12
Marriages,	2
Funerals,	3
Sunday School Teachers,	6
" Scholars,	30
Support of Episcopate,	\$50 00
Ravenscroft College,	5 00
Contingent fund of Convention,	5 00
Missionary contributions, offerings,	28 50
Subscriptions,	6 00
Offerings for poor, &c.,	48 22

The church is still unfinished. Subscriptions have been made for finishing the Church, &c. A Melodeon has been purchased at a cost of \$70. The congregation seems to be in a good condition. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. McCULLOUGH.
July 3d, 1850.

ST. MATTHEW'S, COVINGTON & ST. PAUL'S, RANDOLPH.

Baptisms—White; adults 2, infants 2—Black; adults 0, infants 14.	18
Confirmations,	9
Marriages,	4
Burials,	13

Preached 85 times; traveled 1300 miles on horseback.

Very respectfully,
J. A. WHEELOCK.

ZION CHURCH, BROWNSVILLE, AND RIPLEY MISSION.

The Rector respectfully submits to his Rt. Rev. Bishop, the following report:	
No. of families belonging to the congregation,	16
Baptized—Infant, (white)	1
Communicants—Died 3, present number,	23
Burials,	4
Contributions, (From annual subscribers to the Diocesan Missionary Society,	\$16 00
to the Episcopate,	30 00
Church purposes, (To the Contingent Fund,	5 00

Since the connection of the Rector with the Diocese, he has said prayers and preached in Brownsville and Ripley forty-three times. He has administered the Holy Communion seven times.

In Ripley, the prospects of the Church, judging from the congregation, are good. The very few members there have it in contemplation to erect a church during the coming year; a lot has already been procured for that purpose.

It is not so in regard to Brownsville; there, we still worship in an upper room, with the prospect before us of continuing so, for some time to come.

CYRUS WATERS, *Rector.*

To the Rt. Rev. JAMES H. OTEY, D. D., Bishop of Tennessee.

June 29, 1850.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, BOLIVAR.

The Rector of St. James' Church, Bolivar, respectfully submits to the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese, the following report:

Baptisms—Infants 2, adults 3,	5
Communicants,	14
Funeral,	1
Marriage,	1
Missionary Collection,	\$11 00
Bishop's salary,	30 00
Rector's "	200 00
Contingent Fund,	5 00

Concerning the religious condition of the Parish, there is a growing evidence, that right views of experimental Godliness are taking deeper hold upon the conscience. The congregation, for the place, is steadily good. In the liberality of the people there is a decided improvement. The expenses of the Parish for a long time have been sustained by a few; a more generous system has been awakened, and from his own observation, the Rector is satisfied that among the citizens of Bolivar, there is a spirit of generosity, and a sense of christian obligation, which will not allow them to shrink from all just claims upon them when they properly understand them; or to fall behind others, in proportion to the number and means of the Parish. We have several awaiting confirmation on the arrival of the Bishop.

L. JANSEN, *Rector.*

ST. JOHNS CHURCH, MAURY COUNTY.

Number of Families belonging to the Congregation	9
Baptised—White, Infants 3	
" Colored, " 14.	17
Confirmed—White 0, Colored 4,	4
Communicants—Added. White 5, Colored 5,	10
" Removed	3
" Suspended	1
Present number, White 29, Colored 24,	53
Marriages,	8
Burials—White 3, Colored 5,	8

SERVICES.—The services are maintained according to our usual system. The Sunday evening services being especially for the colored congregation.

CATECHISM.—The children of the Parish—both white and colored,—are regularly catechised, every week.

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL.—The School for Young Ladies under the charge of the Rector, assisted by competent Masters and Teachers, has been carried on very successfully, and promises fully to meet our expectations. The patronage is encouraging. Large additions have been made to the buildings, rendering the establishment very complete in all its arrangements and accommodations.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS.—The Weekly Offerings of the congregation are received in Alms-Chests at the door.

These, and other offerings of the parish, have been disposed of as follows:—

New Organ for the Church	\$1000,00
Organ for School Room	400,00
Rector's Salary	600,00
Alms	110,00
Diocesan Mission	50,00

Prayer Books, for distribution	48,73
Paid for exchange of Bell for the Church	75,40
Assessment for the Episcopate	60,00
Contingent Fund of the Diocese	5,00
" Expenses of the Parish	64,50

The additional buildings for the accommodation of the School will have cost about \$2,500.

E. H. CRESSEY, Rector,

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, KNOXVILLE.

The Rector of St. John's Church, Knoxville, respectfully reports to the Bishop the following statistics concerning his congregation, for the period since the last Diocesan Convention, viz:—

Baptism—Adults 2 }		16
Infants 14 }		
Communicants,	{ Former members Added 10 Removed 6 Died 2 } Present No.	54
Confirmations { In 1848, omitted in last year's report, 12 }		19
	{ Since last Convention 7 }	
Marriages		4
Burials		7
Church Offerings (Weekly)		
Diocesan Mission	665,24	
Foreign "	10,00	
St. Aegidius' Church Illinois	18,00	
Ravenscroft College	10,00	
Contingent Fund—Convention	5,00	
Episcopate Fund	5,00	
Fund for Aged and Infirmed Clergymen	10,00	
Towards the Bishop's Expenses on last visitation	15,00	
Bish. White P. B. Soc. for Prayer Books	12,00	
The Poor	29,10	
Books for Sunday School	14,00	
Repairs and Imp. of Ch. Building	37,70	
To Salary of Organist	75,00	
For services of Sexton	28,25	
Incidental expenses of Church	16,93	
Episcopal Assessment paid	\$351,22	
from subscription Fund	{ 50,00 }	\$401,22

During the last spring, the Rev. F. Elwell who had previously assisted the Rector in the duties of the Ministry, accepted the Professorship of Ancient Languages in Shelby College, Ky., and left for that charge. He carried with him our warmest wishes for his future success.

Respectfully

THOS. W. HUMES.

ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL, RANDOLPH.

May 31st, 1850.

R. T. REV. J. H. OTEY,

Your Missionary to Randolph respectfully reports for the half year ending with October last. He officiated in St. Paul's, Randolph, and Ravenscroft Chapel on alternate Sundays the six months previous, except when incapacitated by sick-

ness; being engaged during the week in the instruction of a few boys. He reports the following from the Parish Register.

Baptisms—White Adults 2,	White Infants 7,	9
“ Colored Adults 1,	Colored Infants 5,	6
Confirmations, 14		14
Marriages, 1		1
Burials 2,		2

WM. M. STEEL.

Somerville, May 31, 1850.

Rt. Rev. J. H. OTTY.

Since the first of Nov. last, I have officiated every other Sunday, when the weather permitted, in Somerville, Tenn. The congregation there has been steadily on the increase; which may be considered as an earnest of future success, when a suitable house for divino service is procured, and a *resident* minister bestows that labour which the field demands. I have no official act to report. Amount collected for Diocesan Mission, \$2 70.

Very Respectfully, WM. M. STEEL.

TRINITY CHURCH,

Tipton county, May 31, 1850.

Rt. Rev. J. H. OTTY,

The Rector of Trinity Church, respectfully reports his Parish Register, as follows:

Baptisms—White Adults 2,	2
“ Infants 1,	1
“ Colored Adults 1,	1
“ Infants 15,	15
No. of Communicants 16,	16
Marriages 1,	1
Burials 2,	2

Amount collected for Diocesan Missions—\$9 00.

WM. M. STEEL.

Greenville, June 14, 1850.

The rector of St. James' Church, Greenville Parish, makes the following report of his labor and the condition of his Parish since July, 1849. There have been

Baptisms—Infants 11, Adults 7, of the Infants 6 were white and 5 colored; of the Adults 3 were white and 4 colored, total.	18
Confirmations 26,	26
Marriages 6,	6
Funerals 5, 4 whites, 1 colored,	5
Present number of communicants 33, 31 whites, 2 colored,	33
Amount collected for the General Missionary Society	\$15 00
Bible Society,	8 00

The Rector desires thankfully to report a very prosperous condition of things in his Parish. The church is now completely finished and is regarded as the handsomest Church in East Tennessee. There is every reason to believe that there will be a goodly number of persons for Confirmation upon the anxiously expected visit of the Diocesan. For all that has been done—God's holy name be praised.

Respectfully W. H. GOOD.

Bolivar July 2, 1850.

Rt. Rev. and DEAR SIR,

I have nothing of interest to detail. I am still living with my friend, Mr. Miller. My health and strength are gradually declining. I go out but seldom to

church; though I read quite a good deal, in something of a miscellaneous manner, with a view to quicken my mind and keep it active; but taking care not to lay aside scriptural and devotional reading.

I am trying to brighten my hopes and prepare my credentials for a seat in the church triumphant. I wish you and my brethren a happy convention.

Your affectionate Brother,
DANIEL STEPHENS.

To THE RIGHT REV. BISHOP OTTER.

My position as Rector of the Columbian Female Institute is unfavorably to the frequent exercise of the office of Presbyter of the Church. During the past year, I have several times preached at the Institute, when the weather prevented this household from going out to church.

Female Institute, Columbia, Tenn. }
July 2, 1850. }

F. G. SMITH.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Assessments for support of the Episcopate, paid over to the Bishop.

Immanuel Church, La Grange,	\$25 00
St. Paul's, Franklin,	20 00
St. Matthew's, Covington,	5 00
Christ Church, Nashville,	250 00
" " (arrearages,)	200 00
St. Peter's, Columbia,	100 00
Trinity, Clarksville,	50 00
" " (arrearages,)	53 00
St. Luke's, Jackson,	50 00
Zion, Brownsville,	5 00
Calvary, Memphis,	200 00
St. James', Bolivar,	35 00
St. John's, Knoxville,	50 00
St. John's, Ashwood,	60 00
Trinity, Tipton county,	120 00
St. Paul's, Randolph,	10 00
Greenville Parish,	10 00
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Contingent Fund in account with E. H. Cresscy, acting Treasurer.

1850.	DR.	
Feb'y.	To paid for binding ten vols. of Journals,	\$7 50
	" " Printing the Bishop's Pastoral Letter,	36 50
	Balance on hand,	59 50

1850.	CR.	
By received from Dr. Wheat, Treasurer,	\$18 50	
" " St. John's Church, Ashwood,	5 00	
" " St. Peter's, Columbia,	10 00	
" " Immanuel, La Grange,	5 00	
" " St. Luke's, Jackson,	5 00	
" " Zion, Brownsville,	5 00	
" " St. Paul's, Franklin,	5 00	
" " St. Matthew's, Covington,	5 00	
" " St. John's, Knoxville,	5 00	
" " Christ, Nashville,	20 00	
" " Calvary, Memphis,	15 00	
" " Greenville Parish,	5 00	
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	\$103 50	

Diocesan Missionary Society in acct. with E. H. Cressey, Treasurer.

		DR.	
Oct.	To paid the Rev. Mr. Ingraham,		\$850 00
Nov.	" " Rev. Mr. Weller,		75 00
" "	Rev. Mr. Waters,		25 00
Dec.	" " Rev. Mr. Rogers,		25 00
" "	Rev. Mr. Ingraham,		50 00
1850.	" " Rev. Mr. Rogers,		50 00
July,	" " Rev. Mr. Good,		50 00
" "	Rev. Mr. Ingraham,		25 00
" "	Rev. Mr. Wheelock,		50 00
" "	Rev. Mr. Steel,		50 00
" "	Rev. Mr. Waters,		50 00
" "	Rev. Mr. Rogers,		25 00
" "	Rev. Mr. Weller,		25 00
Balance in hand,			129 04
			\$8679 04
		CR.	
1849.	By received from former Treasurer,		\$167 45
"	Offerings of St. John's Church, Ashwood,		50 00
1850.	" Immanuel " La Grange,		20 00
July,	Rev. W. M. Steel, Annual,		2 00
"	Mrs. Stith, "		2 00
"	Offerings, Trinity, Tipton,		9 00
"	" St. Thomas', Sommerville,		2 70
"	By cash, James Walker, annual,		4 00
"	" " Mr and Mrs. Caruthers, annual,		4 00
"	" " Mrs. Stoddart, "		2 00
"	Offerings, St. Luke's, Jackson,		28 50
"	Dr. S. Oldham, annual,		2 00
"	Mrs. C. C. Oldham, "		2 00
"	Dr. R. H. Oldham, "		2 00
"	A. S. Oldham "		2 00
"	Col. John Jett,		2 00
"	Miss S. Jett,		2 00
"	Mr. S. M. Ashe,		2 00
"	Mrs. M. Ashe,		2 00
"	Mr. and Mrs. John Baird,		12 00
"	Mrs. Cynthia Booker,		2 00
"	Mrs. Ellen Booker,		2 00
"	Rt. Rev. Bishop Otey,		2 00
"	Offerings, St. Paul's, Franklin,		4 50
"	Mrs. Greenfield, donation,		12 15
"	St. Peter's, Columbia, collection,		41 00
"	Mrs. F. G. Smith, donation,		5 00
"	Offerings, St. John's, Knoxville,		65 00
"	Miss E. Young, Mississippi, donation,		50 00
"	Miss Harrison "		2 00
"	St. James' Bolivar,		11 00
"	J. J. Alston, annual,		2 00
"	Mrs. E. Alston, "		2 00
"	Annie S. J. Alston,		2 00
"	St. Matthew's, Covington, collection,		6 00
"	Miss FitzHugh, annual,		2 00
"	Mrs. C. P. Polk, "		2 00
"	Jno. W. Burton, "		2 00
"	Miss Winsor, donation,		1 00
"	Mrs. J. Anderson, annual,		2 00
"	T. G. Anderson, "		2 00

" "	Mrs. Gloster,	"	2 00
" "	Henry A. Rogers,	"	2 00
" "	Rev. J. W. Rogers,	"	2 00
" "	Calvary Church, Memphis, Offerings,		100 00
" "	Collections on Sunday of Convention,		33 55

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE PENSION FUND.

To amount reported to the last Convention,	£229 39
Received from St. Peter's Church, Columbia, by the hands of Rt. Rev. J. H. Otey,	11 00
Rec'd from St. Paul's, Franklin, per hands Rev. Mr. Rogers,	2 50
" " St. John's, Knoxville, per Rev. Mr. Hunnes,	10 00
" " Christ Church, Nashville, per Rev. Mr. Tomes,	10 00

July 4, 1850.

M. WATSON, *Treasurer.*

The committee on the state of the Church make the following

REPORT:

The number of Parishes in the Diocese is	15
The number of clergymen belonging to the Diocese is	17
BAPTISMS.—Infant, reported in 14 Parishes,	224
" Adult, " 11 " "	80
Total,	304
CONFIRMATIONS, " 12 "	162
COMMUNICANTS.—Increase in 8 "	103
" Present No. 13 "	653
ORDINATIONS.—Deacons 2, Priests 3, Total	5
CHURCH OFFERINGS reported in 13 Parishes,	£8410 09

NEW CONGREGATIONS FORMED.—A second congregation has been formed in the city of Nashville, under the direction of the Rector and Vestry of Christ Church, with very encouraging prospects of success in extending the knowledge, influence and blessings of the church. The Assistant Minister of Christ Church has acted in the capacity of Missionary in this new congregation.

A second congregation has also been formed in Memphis, and a clergymen employed in ministering in a part of the city somewhat remote from the Parish Church. As the result of these enterprises it is confidently believed that new parishes will be organized by means of which the influence of the church will be greatly strengthened, not only in these cities, but, by a reflex influence, in the Diocese at large.

DIOCESAN MISSIONS.—The Committee are gratified to learn, from the Report of the Treasurer, that larger contributions have been made to Diocesan Missions within the past year, than during any former year. It is evident that the time has come that the church in the Diocese should seek to extend itself by its own contributions. The Canons of the Diocese require the clergy to bring this subject before their respective congregations, that their liberality may be called forth, and that they may learn how true is the saying of our Lord,—“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION OF NEGROES.—In a few parishes religious services for the negroes are reported. The circumstances and conditions of this class of people require, beyond all doubt, more of the attention and care of the church, while the success attending such efforts as have been made, encourages the hope that the labor will not be in vain.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES IN THE STATE PENITENTIARY.—By reference to the Report of the acting Chaplain of the Penitentiary, it will be seen how much has been, and still may be done for the convicts, by the faithful teachings which the

church supplies. That merciful work has not been without good fruits, in which God is glorified and souls blessed.

EDUCATION.—A charter has been obtained for *Ravenscroft College*—the Diocesan School for boys—and efforts have been made to procure funds to erect suitable buildings. It is most earnestly hoped that sufficient interest will be felt in this work to ensure its success. Such an institution is greatly needed, and if carried forward rightly, would be a great blessing to the church in the South West.

The Columbia Female Institute, by an arrangement with the Rector, has been relieved from the pressure of the remaining debt, and is understood to be in the enjoyment of a large patronage.

There are several *Parochial Schools* in the Diocese, among them is the *School for Girls in St. John's Parish, Maury county*, which is established upon a liberal foundation, and furnishes thorough instruction in all departments.

CATECHISING.—A growing attention to this branch of Parochial labor and instruction, is manifest. And while care is thus taken by the clergy to train up the lambs of the flock, recognizing them as "members of Christ, children of God, and inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven," Sunday Schools which, under proper control, are such important auxiliaries in advancing the cause of Christ, receive their due measure of attention.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS.—It is gratifying to find that the system of weekly offerings, in accordance with the Apostolical injunction, is in operation in so many of our congregations. The reported amount of offerings is somewhat encouraging, and gives ground to hope that a system so favorable to the encouragement of Christian motives in offering of our substance to the service of the Lord, will more and more commend itself to the good sense and piety of the church.

DAILY SERVICE.—In one Parish of the Diocese the continual Morning and Evening sacrifice of prayer and praise is daily offered. The revival, in this instance, of a law lying at the foundation of God's Kingdom, as the witness of His truth in the world, has been attended with incalculable good. It is devoutly to be hoped that ere long the church, in every part of the Diocese, will through the daily service, be allowed the exercise of her influence in securing her children against the daily encroachments of a worldly spirit, and in leading their thoughts in the midst of their daily avocations, to the higher and purer things concerning the reality of their spiritual being.

In a review of the past year it will be seen that the church in this Diocese, under the blessing of Him "without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy"—has been steadily gaining strength, and gradually extending her influence.—There is enough of prosperity to encourage us, while at the same time, we should be stimulated to greater zeal and devotion and to more earnest effort, knowing how feeble the Diocese is, and how short is the day in which we can work.—The account of our stewardship of means and opportunities must be reckoned at last, and there are glorious rewards for the faithful.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. CRESSEY,

CHARLES TOMES,

GEORGE W. POLK,

Committee on the State of the Church.

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CONSTITUTION
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
OF TENNESSEE.

THE Clergy and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Tennessee, for the purpose of promoting the cause of Religion and Piety, establishing order, and securing to themselves and posterity the advantages of the ministry and ordinances of the church, do ordain and establish this constitution.

ART. 1. The Diocese shall be known and distinguished by the name of the Diocese of Tennessee.

ART. 2. The Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, is hereby acceded to, and adopted, and its authority fully recognised and acknowledged.

ART. 3. A Convention of the churches in this diocese shall be held annually, at such time and place as the last preceding Convention may appoint; and the Bishop, or if there be no resident Bishop, the Standing Committee may call a special Convention, whenever he or they may deem it expedient, at such time and place as he or they may think suitable.

ART. 4. The Convention shall be composed of the Clergy and Lay Delegates, constituting one deliberative body. All regularly ordained ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, whether pastors of congregations, [or missionaries,*] or instructors of youth, shall be entitled to seats in the Convention. [All regularly ordained ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this diocese, in Priest's Orders, who on account of old age or impaired health, are to the satisfaction of the Ecclesiastical authority, unable to discharge the duties of the ministry, shall also be entitled to seats in the Convention.*] Each congregation shall have the privilege of sending three Lay Delegates, any one of whom may represent them in Convention.

ART. 5. The clergy and lay delegates shall, in Convention, deliberate in one body, and shall vote as such, and the votes of a majority of clergy and laity shall decide any question. But, when requested by any two members, the two order shall be necessary to its decision.

ART. 6. The Bishop, if there be one, shall be *ex-officio* president of the Convention. He may make any motion, but shall not enter into debate; and he may deliver his sentiments on any subject, after it has been discussed, and before any vote thereon. If there be no Bishop, or in case of his absence, a president *pro tem.* shall be appointed from the order of the clergy.

ART. 7. A Secretary shall be elected annually, whose duty it shall be to record the proceedings of the Convention, to notify the churches generally of the time and place of the meeting of the Convention, to preserve Journals and Records, to attest the public proceedings, to continue in office until a successor be appointed, and to deliver into his hands all books and papers belonging to the Convention.

* Proposed Amendment s.

A Treasurer shall also be elected annually, whose duty it shall be to receive and disburse the funds of the Convention by the order thereof. He shall render an account of his transactions to each annual Convention.

ART. 8. A Standing Committee of five persons, three of the clerical and two of the lay order, shall be chosen at each annual meeting of the Convention, with power to fill vacancies in their body, and generally, to perform all other acts which may be required of them by the canons of the General Convention, or the Convention of this diocese.

ART. 9. Each congregation shall, on Easter Monday, or as soon thereafter as may be in each year, elect a vestry, consisting of not less than five, nor more than eleven persons, whose duty it shall be to attend to the temporal concerns of the church. They shall appoint two wardens out of their own body, a Secretary and Treasurer, and appoint delegates to the diocesan convention, and exercise all other powers vested in them by the usages of the church; continuing in office until a new vestry is chosen.

ART. 10. The election of a Bishop of this diocese, shall be by nomination of a majority of the clergy in the Convention assembled; and if such nomination be confirmed by a majority of the laity in said Convention, the person thus chosen shall be declared duly elected. But no election shall be considered legal, unless a majority of all the congregations shall be present by their clerical and lay delegates, and take part in the same.

ART. 11. The Book of Common Prayer and administration of the sacraments and other rites and ceremonies of the church, as set forth by the General Convention, shall be used in the several churches of this diocese.

ART. 12. Any proposition for the alteration and amendment of this constitution must be made in writing, and assented to by a majority of the members in Convention. It shall then lie over for consideration until the next Convention, and shall require for its adoption the suffrages of two thirds of the members present.

CANONS

Of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Tennessee.

CANON I.

Of the Admission of New Churches.

Whenever any number of persons, not less than ten, shall associate to form an Episcopal Church, they shall adopt Articles of Association for their government, in which they shall acknowledge and accede to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Tennessee; they shall assume a suitable name by which their church or parish shall be designated, and shall appoint not less than five, nor more than eleven Vestrymen. A certified copy of the Articles of Association, and of the proceedings at their adoption shall then be laid before the Convention for approval, and also a certificate from the Bishop, or in case of his inability to act, or a vacancy in the Episcopate, from a majority of the Standing Committee, that notice was given him or them, at least three months before the Convention, of the organization having taken place, and of his or their approval of the same. Delegates from the Church or Parish may then take their seats in the Convention, and the Church shall be considered as united to the Convention, and subject to its decisions.

CANON II.

Of the Reception of Clergyman into this Diocese.

No clergyman shall be admitted to the pastoral charge of any congregation in this diocese, without producing to the vestry thereof a certificate from the Bishop, or in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, from the Standing Committee, that he has produced to him or them testimonials of his religious and moral conduct, as prescribed by the canons of the General Convention.

CANON III.

Of the Trial of a Clergyman.

SECTION 1. The trial of a clergyman of this diocese, shall be, on presentment made to the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, in writing, specifying the offences of which the accused is alleged to be guilty, with reasonable certainty as to time, place and circumstances, signed by the party making it; and every presentment of a clergyman shall be, either by the Convention of the diocese, by the vestry and church wardens of the parish to which such clergyman may belong, or by one or more presbyters of the church, entitled to seats in Convention.

SEC. 2. Whenever from public rumor, or otherwise, the Bishop shall have reason to believe that any clergyman is under the imputation of having been guilty of any offence or misconduct, for which he is liable to be tried, and that the interest of the church requires an investigation, it shall be his duty to appoint three persons, of whom one at least shall be a Presbyter, to examine the case: a majority of whom may make such examination, and if there is in their opinion sufficient ground for presentment, shall present the clergyman accordingly.

SEC. 3. A presentment being made in any one of the modes above prescribed, the Bishop, if the facts charged to him shall not appear to him to be such as constitute an offence, may dismiss it: or if it allege facts some of which do, and some of which do not constitute an offence, he may allow it in part and dismiss the residue, or he may permit it to be amended. When it shall be allowed in whole or in part, the Bishop shall cause a copy of it to be served on the accused; and shall also nominate six Presbyters of this diocese entitled to seats in the Convention, and not being parties to the presentment, and cause a list of their names to be served on the accused, who shall within thirty days after such service, select three of them and notify their names in writing to the Bishop; and if he shall not give such notification to the Bishop within the said thirty days, the Bishop shall select three, and the Presbyters so selected shall form a Board for the trial of the accused, and shall meet at such time and place as the Bishop shall direct, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, (but always within this diocese,) as they shall think necessary.

SEC. 4. A written notice of the time and place of their first meeting, shall be served at least thirty days before such meeting, on the accused, and also on one of the persons making the presentment.

SEC. 5. If at the time appointed for the first meeting of the Board of Presbyters, the whole number of three shall not attend, then those who do attend, being at least two in number, may adjourn from time to time; and if after one adjournment or more, it shall appear to them improbable that the whole number will attend within a reasonable time; then shall the accused, or, in case of his failure to do so—the Bishop—appoint another to complete the Board—who shall then proceed to the trial, and a majority of them shall decide all questions.

SEC. 6. If a clergyman presented shall confess the truth of the facts alleged in the presentment, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to proceed to pass sentence; and if he shall not confess them before the appointment of a Board for his trial, as before mentioned, he shall be considered as denying them.

SEC. 7. If a clergyman presented, after having had due notice, shall not appear before the Board of Presbyters appointed for his trial, the Board may nevertheless proceed as if he were present, unless for good cause they shall see fit to adjourn till another day.

SEC. 8. When the Board proceed to the trial, they shall hear such evidence as shall be produced, which evidence shall be reduced to writing, and signed by the witnesses respectively; and at the desire of either party, may be sworn to or affirmed by the witnesses respectively before the President of the Court. If on or during the trial, the accused shall confess the truth of the charges as stated in the presentment, the Board may dispense with hearing further evidence, and may proceed at once to state their opinion to the Bishop as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced.

SEC. 9. Upon the application of either party to the Bishop, and it being made satisfactorily to appear to him, that any material witness cannot be procured upon

the trial, the Bishop may appoint a Commissary to take the testimony of such witness. Such Commissary may be either a clergyman or layman, and the party so applying, shall give to the other at least six days notice of the time and place of taking the testimony. And if the person on whom the notice shall be served, shall reside more than forty miles from the place of examination, an additional day's notice shall be given for every additional twenty miles of the said distance—and both parties may attend and examine the witness: and the questions and answers shall be reduced to writing and signed by the witness, and shall be certified by the Commissary, and enclosed under his seal and transmitted to the Board, and shall be received by them as evidence. A witness examined before such Commissary, may be sworn or affirmed by him.

SEC. 10. The Board having deliberately considered the evidence, shall declare in a writing signed by them, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether the accused is guilty or not guilty of such charges respectively, and also stating the sentence which in their opinion should be pronounced; and a copy of such decision shall be without delay communicated to the accused; and the original decision, together with the evidence shall be delivered to the Bishop, who shall pronounce such canonical sentence as shall appear to him to be proper, provided the same shall not exceed in severity the sentence recommended by the Board; and such sentence shall be final. Before pronouncing any sentence, the Bishop shall summon the accused and any two or more of the clergy to meet him at such time as may in his opinion be most convenient, in some church to be designated by him, which shall for that purpose be open at the time to all persons who may choose to attend, and the sentence shall then and there be publicly pronounced by the Bishop. But the Bishop, if he shall be satisfied that justice requires it, may grant a new trial to the accused, in which case a new Board of Presbyters shall be appointed, the proceedings before whom shall be conducted as before mentioned.

SEC. 11. All notices and papers contemplated in this Canon may be served by a summoner or summoners, to be appointed for the purpose by the Bishop, and whose certificate of such service shall be evidence thereof. In case of service by any other person, the fact shall be proved by the affidavit of such person.—A written notice or paper delivered to a party, or left at his last place of residence, shall be deemed a sufficient service of such notice or paper, provided however, that the service, if not personal, shall be a notice of at least sixty days.

SEC. 12. The accused may have the privilege of appearing by counsel, in case of the exercise of which privilege, and not otherwise, those who present shall have also the like privilege: which counsel shall in all cases be members of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

SEC. 13. The record of all proceedings upon a presentment of a clergyman, shall be preserved by the Standing Committee, and for that purpose shall, after a final decision, be delivered to their Secretary.

CANON IV.

The Clergy required to attend the meetings of the Convention.

SECTION 1. Whereas the regular attendance of the clergy at the meetings of the Convention is of essential importance to the interests of the church; this duty is hereby enjoined on them.

SEC. 2. And whereas it is often found necessary to travel a considerable distance, to the place of the meeting of the Convention, it is hereby made the duty of the several parishes to make provision for the expenses of their clergy, in attending Convention, either by a collection in church on Sunday, or by some other mode.

CANON V.

Ministers of Parishes to keep a Register.

SECTION 1. The Parish Register required by Canon 29, of the General Convention of 1832, shall specify the name and the time of the birth of the child baptized, with the names of the parents and sponsors; the names of the adults baptized and the witnesses; the names of the parties married, and of two or

more special witnesses of the same, and the place where the marriage was solemnized : the names of the persons buried and also the time in which each rite was performed. It shall also contain the names of persons confirmed and a list of the communicants. These Registers shall be kept by the minister in a suitable book to be provided by the vestry, which book shall be the Parish Register and shall be preserved by the vestry as a part of the records of the church.

Sec. 2. Every minister of this diocese shall, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, present or send to the Bishop—or if there be no Bishop, to the President of the Convention—a statement of the number baptized and confirmed, since the last annual Convention, the number of those who partake of the Lord's Supper, specifying the additions or removals that may have taken place ; and the number of marriages and funerals: He shall also report the number of pupils and teachers connected with Sunday-School instruction in the parish, and the amount of the "Offerings of the Church:" stating the objects to which such offerings are appropriated, and what has been done in compliance with the requisitions of the Convention. The parochial report may also present concisely any other matters of fact which show the state of the parish.

Sec. 3. In every case where a parish is destitute of a minister, the Register contemplated in this canon, shall be kept by some person appointed by the vestry for that purpose.

CANON VI.

Delegates to be chosen to represent the diocese in General Convention.

The Convention at each annual meeting shall choose delegates to attend the General Convention. And should the delegation elected to represent the diocese in General Convention be unable to attend, then the Bishop, or where there is no Bishop, the Standing Committee shall have power to appoint a delegate or delegates in behalf of the diocese.

CANON VII.

Certificates to be required of lay delegates to the Diocesan Convention.

The appointment of lay delegates to the Convention of the diocese shall be certified in writing by the Rector, or Warden, or the Secretary of the Vestry, of the proper church. And no persons shall be admitted as a Lay Delegato in this Convention who is not entitled to vote for vestrymen in the parish which he claims to represent.

CANON VIII.

Parochial Assessments.

Sec. 1. The vestry of every parish in this diocese shall pay to the Treasurer of the Convention, at each annual meeting thereof, its assessment for the contingent expenses of the diocese :—and also, to the same officer, its assessment for the support of the Episcopate, one half thereof on the first day of March, and the other half on the first day of September in each year.

Sec. 2. The treasurer shall at least one month previously to the meeting of every stated Convention, call upon the vestry of each parish to send its assessment for the contingent expenses, including arrearages, if there be any, by the hands of the delegates to the Convention. And he shall also draw upon the vestry of each parish, at thirty days notice, on the first of March, and on the first of September, in each year, for one half of its assessment for the support of the Episcopate; and if there be any arrearages on first assessments, he shall forward at the same time a statement thereof.

Sec. 3. The treasurer shall regularly charge the said assessments on his books against each vestry, crediting the same with payments when made: and shall report annually to the Convention the state of his accounts with each parish, which report shall be entered on the Journals of the Convention.

CANON IX.

Directing the mode of organizing the Convention.

The Convention shall be opened with prayer, after which the Bishop or President of the Convention shall proceed to organize in the following manner. A list of the clergy entitled to seats furnished by the Bishop shall first be called. The Bishop or President, shall appoint a committee of two clergymen to examine the certificates of the lay delegates who shall report thereupon, the names of such persons as are entitled to seats. The Convention shall then proceed to elect a Secretary, which being done, the Bishop or President shall pronounce the Convention duly organized. The Convention sermon shall be preached by the Bishop or by some clergymen appointed by the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, in the evening of the first day of the Convention.

CANNON X.

Of Missions and of Education for the Ministry.

SECTION 1. The Church of Christ being essentially a Missionary institution, and every part thereof pledged, by the Christian profession, to the support of the Missionary work; and the education of young men, for the ministry, being necessary to the furtherance of the gospel, in the same work—it is solemnly urged upon every member of the church, that he consider his Christian profession as involving direct obligation to promote these objects.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of every minister in this diocese, to instruct the people of his charge, in relation to these objects. And it is recommended to every member of the church, to lay by him, on the first day of the week, in store, for these purposes as God has prospered him, according to the Apostolic direction. It is recommended that there be in every parish in this diocese a monthly collections on Sunday, the avails of which shall be forwarded quarterly by the wardens thereof to the treasurer of the Missionary and Education Committee.

SEC. 3. There shall be at each annual meeting of the Convention a Committee, consisting of the Bishop of the diocese, *ex-officio*, and four other members—two clerical and two lay, elected by ballot, to be called the Missionary Education Committee; to which shall be committed the appointment and regulation of beneficiaries, the appointing of missionaries and missionary stations, and making of all appropriations of money for either object; and no money shall be paid by the Treasurer but by an order of the Committee.

SEC. 4. It shall be the privilege of the contributors to designate to which purpose, and a so to which branch of the missionary cause, if such be the designation, their contribution shall be applied. If no designation be made, it shall be at the disposal of the Committee.

SEC. 5. The Bishop of the diocese shall preside in all meetings of the Committee, when he is present, if absent, a chairman *pro tem.* shall be appointed. The Committee shall appoint a Secretary and Treasurer.

SEC. 6. The Committee shall meet annually at the place and on the first day of the annual Convention of the diocese, and at such other times and places as the president may from time to time appoint, or as may be found convenient on their own adjournment. There attending members shall be a quorum, and every meeting shall be opened with prayer.

SEC. 7. No beneficiary or missionary shall be appointed without the written consent of the Bishop of the diocese; or in case there shall be no Bishop, the Standing Committee of the same, which consent shall be entered on the minutes.

SEC. 8. At every annual meeting of the Committee, the Secretary of the same shall submit a report of the transactions of the year, then terminated, which with the Treasurer's report of the receipts and expenditures shall be laid before the Convention.

SEC. 9. Vacancies in the Committee, occurring during the recess of the Convention, may be supplied by the Committee.

CANON XII.

Of the Pension Fund.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of every clergyman having charge of a parish in this diocese, and of the wardens where there is no clergymen, to make a collection, annually, at Christmas, for the Pension Fund, and generally to commend it to the patronage of churchmen.

Sac. 2. All moneys so collected shall be given in charge to a Board of Trustees, consisting of two clergymen and two laymen, to be chosen by the Convention, and of which the Bishop shall be, *ex officio*, President, or if there be no Bishop, the President of the Standing Committee. This Board shall exercise a sound discretion in the frugal appropriation of pensions, and report annually to the Convention. The Board shall appoint one of its own members to the office of Treasurer, to whom all contributions shall be forwarded without delay.

CANON XII.

Of the Secretary of the Convention.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to transmit annually to each of the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States, and to the Secretary of the last house of the clerical and lay Deputies in the General Convention, to the Conservator of ecclesiastical documents appointed by the General Convention, and to the Secretary of every Diocesan Convention, a copy of the Journal of the Convention: and shall request the last to send copies of their respective Journals in exchange. He shall also transmit a copy to each clergyman and each lay deputy attending the Convention, and forward by mail, unless otherwise directed, ten copies to each church in the diocese.

Sac. 2. Whenever there shall be a vacancy in the office of Secretary of the Convention, the duties thereof shall devolve upon the Secretary of the Standing Committee.

Sac. 3. Any expense incurred by a compliance with the several sections of this Canon shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the diocese.

CANON XIII.

Of Elections.

Sac. 1. All the officers of this Convention shall be elected by ballot; but elections by ballot may be dispensed with by a unanimous vote of the Convention.

Sac. 2. In all cases of failure, or omission to elect officers by the Convention, the persons last elected shall continue in office until others be chosen.

CANON XIV.

An Episcopate Fund.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of every parish in this diocese, to make a collection for the support of the Episcopate, on Easter of each year, which shall be forwarded without delay, by the Treasurer of the parish, to the Treasurer of the diocese. The fund thus collected shall, for the time being, be safely invested for accumulation. The Convention shall appoint two Trustees to act with the Treasurer in the investment of this fund, and of any other funds which may be given by bequest or otherwise for this purpose.

Sac. 2. The moneys thus collected for this purpose shall be allowed to accumulate until they shall reach the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars, when the interest thereof shall be applied to the support of the Episcopate.

CANON XV.

SECTION 1. No proposed alteration or addition to the Canons shall hereafter be considered by the Convention, unless at least one day's previous notice be given thereof in open Convention, nor unless by unanimous consent, until such alteration or addition shall have been referred to and reported upon by a committee of at least two presbyters and one layman.

Sac. 2. Any Canon may be suspended temporarily by unanimous consent.

CANON XVI.

Whenever a clergyman shall refuse or neglect to discharge any duties growing out of an appointment under these Canons, without assigning to the ecclesiastical authority sufficient and satisfactory reasons for such neglect, he shall be liable to ecclesiastical proceedings or censure.

CANON XVII.

SECTION 1. Whenever there shall be a repealing clause in any Canon and the said Canon shall be repealed, such repeal shall not be a re-enactment of the Canon or Canons repealed by the said repealing clause.

Sec. 2. The provisions of this Canon shall also apply to Canons heretofore passed having repealing clauses.

CANON XVIII.

All former Canons of this Convention are hereby repealed.

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION IN FORMING CHURCHES.

Extract from the Journal of Convention of 1830.

Resolved, That it be recommended to each congregation of this diocese now existing, and also to each congregation which may hereafter be formed, before it shall be received into union with this Convention, to adopt articles of Association, declaratory of the objects of the congregation, and for increasing the facilities for the transaction of any business; and that the following form be adopted as near as circumstances will allow.

Form of Articles of Association for Congregations.

Whereas the following named persons, citizens of _____ and its vicinity, in Tennessee, viz : _____, together with others, have associated together for the purpose of forming and establishing a church in which the worship of God shall be conducted according to the faith and discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, and have for that purpose formed a congregation at _____ now, at this date, worshipping in _____. They do hereby declare the following to be the objects, articles and conditions of their association :

1. The name of the association or congregation shall be the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of _____ church.

2. This church acknowledges itself to be a member of, and to belong to the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Tennessee, and the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America. As such it accedes to, recognises, and adopts the constitution, canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and acknowledges their authority accordingly.

3. Any member of this church or association, who shall disclaim, or refuse conformity to the said authority, shall cease to be a member of this association and shall not be elected or vote in the election of Vestrymen, or exercise any office or function in, concerning or connected with the said church or association.

4. The rents and revenues of this association shall be from time to time applied for the maintenance and support of the rector, ministers, and officers of the said church, and of the church, church-yard, and parsonage house, and other houses which now do, or may hereafter belong to the said association, and to no other purpose whatever.

5. The said association or church, or trustees, in whose name their property shall be vested, shall not by deed, or by any other means, without the consent of the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in whose diocese this church shall, for the time, canonically be, under his hand; or in case of a vacancy in the Episcopal office, of the Standing Committee of the said diocese, by a major

number thereof, under their hands, previously had and obtained, grant, alien, or otherwise dispose of, any lands, messuages, tenements, or hereditaments in them vested for the use and benefit of the said church or congregation, nor charge nor incumber the same to any person whomsoever.

6. The Rector of this church shall be elected by the wardens and vestrymen, in open meeting, duly convened for that purpose. The vestry of this church shall consist of not less than five, nor more than eleven persons, members of the said church, who shall continue in office one year, and until others be chosen; and the election of said vestrymen shall be made, annually, on Easter Monday, by a majority of persons, worshippers in the said church, and not disqualified under the second of these articles, as shall appear by the vestry books to have paid two successive years, immediately preceding the time of the election, the full rent of a pew or seat in the said church, or contributed in any other regular way towards the support of the church or ministry; *provided*, that until the expiration of two years from Easter Monday next after the opening the said church edifice for regular worship, any worshippers in the said congregation, who shall have contributed and paid any sum to the support of the Rector or minister thereof, and not disqualified as above, shall be entitled to vote at the election of the vestrymen. And if the election of vestrymen should not be effected on Easter Monday, it may take place on any subsequent day, notice to that effect being given publicly, to the congregation, on the Sunday immediately preceding the same.

7. No person shall be Rector, or minister, or assistant minister of this church or allowed to execute any of the functions of the same, unless he shall be recognized by the Bishop in whose diocese this church shall canonically be; or, if there be no Bishop, then by the Standing Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of Tennessee, as a minister of the Protestant Episcopal, in good standing.

8. The said Vestry shall have power to elect two church wardens, and such other officers as may be required by the canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, or by the constitution and canons of the said church in Tennessee, or shall seem to them to be necessary—they shall exercise all other powers customarily belonging to their office, and in case of a vacancy in the rectorship, shall exercise all the powers, by these articles vested in the rector, wardens and vestrymen: *Provided always*, that it shall be the duty of the said wardens and vestrymen to elect another rector to supply such vacancy as soon as conveniently may be.

9. In case of the dissolution of this association for any cause whatever, the lands, tenements, and other estate, real or personal, if such there be, shall vest in the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in whose diocese this church may, at the time be, and his canonical successors; to be by him and them held in trust for the benefit of a future congregation of members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, which may be formed in the same vicinity, and upon the same principles as the present church, and this association.

LIST OF COMMITTEES, &c.

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" " **E. H. Cressey,** **Dr. J. Shelby,**
" " **J. W. Rogers.**

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Francis G. Roche, Columbia.

SECRETARY.

The Rev. E. H. Cressey, Ashwood, Maury county.



Rev Mr. M^r h.

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The Rt. Rev. JAMES H. OTEY, D. D., Diocesan and *Rector of St. Peter's Church, Columbia.*

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" WILLIAM FAGG, " Immanuel Church, La Grange.
" WILLIAM H. GOOD, " St. James' Church, Greenville.
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" J. W. M'CULLOUGH, D. D., " St. Luke's Church, Jackson,
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" WILLIAM M. STEEL, *Missionary at Somerville and in Tipton County.*
" JOHN SANDELS, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Williamsport.
" CHARLES TOME, " Christ Church, Nashville.
" J. A. WHEELOCK, " St. Paul's Church, Randolph, and
St. Matthew's Church, Covington.

BELONGING TO THE DIOCESE BUT NOT ENTITLED TO A SEAT.

The Rev. W. H. C. YEAGER, *Residing in California.*

LIST OF PARISHES.

Christ Church, Nashville,	}	St. Peter's Church, Columbia.
St. Paul's " Franklin,		Trinity, " Clarksville,
Immanuel, " La Grange,		St. Luke's, " Jackson,
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Calvary, " Memphis,		St. James' " Bolivar,
St. Mark's, " Williamsport,		St. John's, " Maury county,
St. John's, " Knoxville,		Trinity, " Tipton county,
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J O U R N A L.

CALVARY CHURCH, MEMPHIS,
WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 1851.

The TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Tennessee, assembled in Calvary Church, Memphis, on Wednesday, the seventh of May, A. D., 1851, being the place and time appointed by the last Convention.

After Morning Prayer, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop being absent, the Rev. J. W. McCullough, D. D. was called to the Chair.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That, the Bishop being absent, the Rev. Secretary be requested to furnish a list of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention.

The list of Clergymen entitled to seats was then read and the following answered to their names:

The Rev. E. HARRISON CRESSEY,

" J. W. M'CULLOUGH, D. D.,

" DAVID PISE,

" CHARLES TOMEs,

The certificates of Lay Delegates were then laid on the Secretary's table, and referred to the Rev. Messrs. Tome and Pise.

The Convention then adjourned to Thursday morning, 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, May 8th.

The Convention assembled at 9 o'clock. The Rev. Dr. Page and the Rev. Messrs. Rogers and Wheelock, not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats.

The committee on the certificates of Lay Delegates, reported that the following persons were duly elected to represent their several parishes in this Convention.

<i>From Christ's Church, Nashville,</i>	MATTHEW WATSON, HENRY M. FOGG, HENRY MANKEY,
<i>From St. John's Church, Maury Co.,</i>	LUCIUS J. POLK, ANDREW J. POLK, GEORGE R. LONG.
<i>From Calvary Church, Memphis,</i>	DR. LEWIS SHANKS, J. F. JETT, SAMUEL. P. WALKER.
<i>From St. Matthews, Covington,</i>	GABRIEL SLAUGHTER.
<i>From St. Paul's Church, Randolph,</i>	JOSEPH A. GREEN, RUFFIN SMITH, LEWELLYN JONES.
<i>From Zion Church, Brownsville,</i>	DR. SAMUEL OLDHAM, HENRY A. ROGERS.
<i>From Immanuel Church, La Grange,</i>	JOHN W. BURTON, A. B. GLOSTER, THOMAS G. ANDERSON.
<i>From St. John's Church, Knoxville,</i>	WM. B. REESE, JR., WM. H. SNEED, WM. L. WHITE.
<i>From St. James' Church, Bolivar,</i>	D. J. WELLS, DR. PETERS, MONTEZUMA JONES.

The names of the Lay Delegates being called, the following appeared and took their seats:

MR. GEORGE R. LONG,
DR. LEWIS SHANKS,
MR. JOSEPH A. GREEN,
DR. SAMUEL OLDHAM.

The Convention then ballotted for Secretary, and the Rev. E. H. Cressey was duly elected.

The ballot was then taken for President, and the Rev. D. C. Page, D. D., was duly elected.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Clergymen belonging to the Diocese, not entitled to seats; Clergymen belonging to other Dioceses, and candidates for Holy Orders, be invited to take seats in this Convention.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Rules of Order of the last Convention be adopted for the government of this. *Appendix A.*

The following preamble and resolutions, were, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Tomes, adopted.

WHEREAS, Canon V. requires that every minister of the Diocese present or send to the Bishop, on or before the first day of every Convention, a report of his official acts during the year, and the state of his parish, and inasmuch as the Bishop of the Diocese is now absent, therefore

Resolved, That such reports be presented to the President of this Convention, be referred to a committee on the state of the Church, and be appended, as usual, to the Journal.

The following persons were appointed the committee on the state of the Church:—the Rev. Messrs. Tomes and Pise, and Mr. Geo. R. Long.

The Rev. Dr. McCullough, the Rev. Mr. Rogers, and Dr. Oldham, were appointed a committee on Unfinished Business.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for Treasurer, and Francis G. Roche was duly elected.

The Treasurer being absent, the Rev. E. H. Cressey was elected Treasurer, *pro tem.*

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the reading of the Bishop's Address, and of the Parochial reports, be made the order of the day, for Friday, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The report of the Standing committee was then laid before the Convention. *Appendix B.*

The report of the Treasurer of the Pension Fund was read, and ordered to be appended to the Journal. *Appendix C.*

On motion, it was

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for to-morrow morning, at 9½ o'clock, to proceed to the annual elections.

The Convention then took a recess till half past three o'clock, P. M.

THURSDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled. There appeared, and took their seats, the Rev. Messrs. Fagg and Jansen, and Messrs. Wells, Dr. Peters, Gloster, Anderson and Walker.

The Rev. Mr. Tomes offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention of the Church,

in this Diocese, be held in Nashville, on the last Wednesday in April, 1852.

This resolution was, upon motion, laid upon the table.

A circular letter, from the Archbishop of Canterbury, addressed to the Bishop, on the subject of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts, having been laid before the Convention, it was resolved that the Rev. Messrs. Tomes and Pise, and Dr. Oldham, be a committee to take this matter into consideration, as far as the action of this Diocese is concerned.

The committee on Unfinished Business, through the Chairman, the Rev. Dr. McCullough, reported that the only unfinished business to be brought before the Convention, is the proposed amendment of Article IV. of the Constitution.

The question on the first amendment of the 4th Article came up for discussion. It was moved that the whole article, with the proposed amendments, be referred to a committee to report to this Convention. The motion was lost.

The first and second amendments were then adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Article IV. of the constitution be amended by inserting, in the third line, after the words, *in this State*, the following:—*Who shall have been canonically resident in this Diocese, for the space of at least six months preceding.*

On motion, it was also

Resolved, That Article IV. of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words, “*of youth*,” in the fourth line, and inserting the following words in their place: *in incorporated institutions and such as are recognized by the Convention, or by the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese.*

These amendments, agreeably to the provisions of the constitution, lie over until the next Convention for final action.

The resolution fixing the time and place of the next Convention was called up, and after several proposed amendments, it was

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention be held in Christ Church, Nashville, on the first Wednesday in May, 1852.

The Convention then adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention assembled, the President in the Chair.

The roll was called, and the minutes of the preceding sessions read and approved.

The Rev. Mr. Steel, and Mr. Henry A. Rogers appeared and took their seats.

The order of the day was then taken up, and the several elections made, agreeably to the Canons, as follows:

STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Rev. Charles Tomes,	Messrs. Francis B. Fogg,
“ E. H. Cressey,	Dr. J. Shelby,
“ J. W. Rogers.	

THE MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The Rev. E. H. Cressey,	Messrs. Lucius J. Polk,
“ Charles Tomes,	Dr. W. J. Polk.

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

The Rev. D. C. Page, D. D.	Messrs. Lucius J. Polk,
“ E. H. Cressey,	Francis B. Fogg,
“ Charles Tomes,	Dr. J. Oldham,
“ J. W. McCullough, D. D.	George W. Polk.

TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPATE FUND.

Messrs. F. B. Fogg, and Thomas Maney.

TRUSTEES OF THE PENSION FUND.

The Rev. J. W. M'Cullough, D. D.	Dr. J. Shelby,
“ D. C. Page, D. D.	M. Watson.

COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENTS.

The Rev. Dr. McCullough,	Messrs. Long,
“ Mr. Rogers,	Anderson,
“ “ Steel,	Wells,
“ “ Tomes,	Walker,
“ “ Pise,	Green,
	Oldham.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Pension Fund be directed to loan on interest, upon sufficient security, the money in his hands belonging to that fund, and that the Secretary notify him of this resolution.

The committee on the communication from the Archbishop of Canterbury, made the following report, which, on motion, was made the order of the day for this evening, after the reading of the Parochial reports.

REPORT.

The committee to whom was referred the communication from the Rt. Rev. the Archbishop of Canterbury, to the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of this Diocese, on the subject of the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts," respectfully report the following preamble and resolutions, for the consideration of the Convention.

INASMUCH as the Church is indebted, under God, to the "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts," for early supplying this continent with the Ministry of Christ, and in many other ways for "settling the state of religion" in this land; and inasmuch as the church in this country, now firmly established as a branch of the Catholic Church of God, owes a debt to said Society, never to be remembered but with gratitude, therefore

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention, the suggestion of the Rt. Rev. the Archbishop of Canterbury, made to the Bishops of the Church in this country, that the several Dioceses take part in the proposed commemoration of the "foundation of this oldest Missionary Society of the Reformed Church," should be promptly, heartily, and favorably responded to.

Resolved, That in order to comply with this suggestion of the Rt. Rev. the Archbishop of Canterbury, so far as this Diocese is concerned, the Standing Committee be, and are hereby instructed to correspond upon this subject with the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of this Diocese, now absent, and respectfully to ask for the appointment of the *first Sunday in Advent* next, for the celebration in the several parishes of this Diocese, of the Society's Jubilee.

Resolved, That the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, through the Standing Committee, be respectfully requested to set forth a form of service to be used on that occasion, in the several churches in this Diocese.

Resolved, That collections be made on that day in the several churches of the Diocese, the proceeds of which shall be devoted to the cause of Missions, and be appropriated at the discretion of the Ministers and Vestries of the several churches, to either branch of the Missionary work.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES TOMES,
DAVID PISE,
SAM'L. OLDHAM, } Committee.

MEMPHIS; 23d An. Convention of the Diocese, May 9, 1851.

The Convention then took a recess until half-past 3 o'clock this evening.

FRIDAY, P. M. $\frac{1}{2}$ past 3 o'clock.

The Convention re-assembled.

The Bishop's Address being the order of the day, was then read.

A D D R E S S.

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND OF THE LAITY:—

For the first time, in the course of twenty-three years, I shall be deprived of the high privilege and great pleasure of meeting with you in Convention. It is a privilege which I have always prized—a pleasure which nothing short of stern necessity or duty, would lead me to forego. Often in your assemblies have I realized the blessedness of which the Psalmist speaks, when he says, “Behold! how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity! Coming together after a year’s labors in our respective and widely scattered parishes, we have our trials to recount—our afflictions to mourn over—our joys to communicate—our deliverances to mention—our many blessings to commemorate, and in all, to know and to feel that we have the warm and spontaneous sympathy of loving and confiding hearts. Who of us does not feel that it would be a sore deprivation to be absent from such a gathering together of the faithful in Christ Jesus? But though absent from you in body, I trust we shall be united in spirit, and that through your prayers, which I earnestly bespeak, “I may be restored to you the sooner.” When this communication shall be read to you, I shall, if it please God, be in a distant land, seeking, through a change of climate and scene, and through cessation from labors, in which I have been engaged for the last seventeen years, a restoration to health. For the kindness of those friends who have enabled me to travel, and for the interest which my brethren, both lay and clerical, have manifested in my happiness, I have no words adequately to express my sense of gratitude. May God, in his goodness, crown them with all spiritual blessings, in Christ Jesus.

The following is a condensed account of my official services since last Convention.

Sunday, July 7th, 1850.—In St. Paul’s church, Franklin: morning

prayer was said by the Rev. Dr. Page, and a sermon preached by the Rev. L. Jansen, after which, I admitted to the order of Deacons, Mr. Moses S. Royce, and ordained to the Priesthood, the Rev. Jno. A. Wheelock. A collection was made on this occasion in aid of Diocesan Missions, amounting to \$33 35. In the afternoon, after prayers by Rev. Mr. Royce, I preached, and at night the Rev. Mr. Cressey read Prayers, and Rev. Dr. Page preached. These services concluded the very interesting proceedings of our last Convention.

July 30.—Left home to visit the churches in East Tennessee, and arrived at Knoxville on the 3rd day of August.

Sunday, Aug. 4.—Read Morning Prayer and preached in St. John's Church, Knoxville, and in the afternoon also preached, after Prayers by Rev. Mr. Humes.

Aug. 5.—At night, after Preyars by the Rev. Mr. Humes, I preached and confirmed *seven* persons, and delivered an Address.

Tuesday, 6.—I again preached in St. John's Church, after Prayers by the Rector.

Aug. 8.—Left Knoxville for Greenville, which place I reached in the evening of the following day.

Sunday, Aug. 11.—This morning, with the rites and solemnities prescribed, I set apart and consecrated to the service and worship of ALMIGHTY GOD, St. James' Church, Greenville. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Mr. Good, the Rector, assisted in the lessons by Rev. M. S. Royce. The ante-com. was read by the Rev. Mr. Passmore, of the Diocese of N. C.; the letter of request on the part of the Vestry, was read by Dr. Foute, and the instrument of Consecration and Sermon by myself. Thus, the work of building a house for the worship of God according to the forms of our venerable church, has been brought to a happy conclusion, and we earnestly hope that those who have contributed of their worldly substance to this end, may be blessed of God in their deed, and reap in their own spiritual improvement, by attendance on the services of the sanctuary, a full reward. The building is a well proportioned and handsome structure, of wood, furnished with an organ and communion service, and is altogether creditable to the zeal and liberality of those who undertook its erection.

In the afternoon of the same day, the Rev. Mr. Royce read Prayers; the Rector baptized an adult; I preached, and confirmed *three* persons. It had been my purpose to spend a much longer

time in East Tennessee on the occasion of this visit, but at Greenville, receiving information of the dangerous illness of a member of my family, I felt constrained to hasten homeward.

Tuesday, Sept. 23.—In Christ Church, Nashville, I confirmed ~~nine~~ persons. On this occasion I had the pleasure of meeting with the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Georgia, who favored us with a highly edifying discourse, after Prayers by his worthy Presbyter, the Rev. Thos. F. Scott. With these brethren, and several others, I left Nashville the Thursday following, to attend the meeting of the General Convention at Cincinnati. This body continued in session from the 2d day of October, till the night of the 16th, when it adjourned after hearing an address from the venerable presiding Bishop. It is unnecessary for me to enter into any details of the acts of this council of our church, as its proceedings will be spread before you in the published journal of its minutes. Among the most important measures adopted, was the acceptance of the resignation of Bishop Southgate of his mission to Constantinople, &c., and the election of the Rev. John Payne to the office of Bishop on the western coast of Africa.

Immediately after the adjournment of the General Convention, I set off for the western part of this Diocese, intending to visit as many of the congregations as I could, before the setting in of the winter. Owing to the very low stage of water in the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, and consequent detentions on the way, I did not reach Randolph, my first point of destination, till the first day of November.

Saturday, Nov. 3.—In St. Paul's Church, Randolph, after Morning Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Wheelock, I preached and confirmed one person. In the afternoon of the same day, in Ravenscroft chapel, Rev. Mr. Wheelock read Prayers, I preached, and confirmed *three* persons, servants, belonging to the family of Mr. J. J. Alston. Since my last visit, death had again visited this family. Miss Annie Alston, whom I admitted to the communion when last here—a young lady of rare endowments—was cut off by sudden disease, a few weeks before my arrival, on my recent visitation. Seldom do we hear, even in a world where death triumphs, of the destroyer's shafts being discharged with so fatal frequency! Leaving Mr. Alston's on Monday, I arrived the same evening at Col. Geo. Taylor's near Trinity Church.

Tuesday, 5.—Proceeded to Trinity Church, in the neighborhood,

where, after Prayers by the Rev. Mr. Steel, I preached, and then confirmed *six* persons, two of them colored people.

Wednesday, 6.—Proceeding to Covington, I preached morning and at night, in St. Matthew's Church, after Prayers by the Rev. Messrs. Wheelock and Steel.

Thursday, 7.—This being Thanksgiving day, according to the order of the church, Morning Prayer was read by Mr. Wheelock, the lessons by Mr. Steel, when I preached—confirmed *three* persons and delivered an address. At night, after Prayers by Messrs. W. and S., I again preached.

Friday, 10.—Leaving Covington this morning, in company with Rev. Messrs. Steel and Wheelock, we crossed the Hatchee river, and arriving in the afternoon at Durhamville, were received in the hospitable mansion of Mrs. Lee, an aged member of our communion. At 4 P. M., the brethren, with me, celebrated divine worship in the Baptist M. House, where I preached to a small congregation.—The next day we rode to Dr. Sam'l. Oldham's and the day following,

Sunday, 10,—Proceeded to Ripley, and after Prayers by Messrs. Steel and Wheelock, I preached in the C. House. There are several intelligent members of the church in this place, and its vicinity, and nothing is now wanting but the labors of a faithful clergyman, to concentrate their interest and combine their efforts, which would be cheerfully exerted to organize a congregation, and in due time to build a church.

Tuesday, 12.—Leaving our kind friends at Eylau we proceeded through a drizzling rain, to Brownsville, where we were received and taken care of, by S. Ashe, Esq. At night, after Prayers by Mr. Wheelock, assisted in the service by Mr. Steel, I preached in the Baptist house of worship, to a large congregation.

Wednesday, 13.—We assembled three times to-day, for worship. In the morning I preached, Mr. Steel in the afternoon, and Mr. Wheelock at night. On each occasion the Church Service was read, as usual.

Friday, November 15.—Having reached Jackson the preceding evening, the Rev. Dr. McCullough read Morning Prayer to-day, in St. Luke's Church, and I preached. In the afternoon, after Prayers by the same, I preached, confirmed *three* persons, and delivered an address. Through the kindness of Mr. Jas. Caruthers, of Jackson, I was forwarded on my way to Bolivar, where I arrived

on the evening of the 10th, and was hospitably entertained by P. Miller, Esq. Here I found that aged servant and minister of Christ, the Rev. Daniel Stephens, D. D., lying upon the bed of his last sickness, "in great weakness of body." I did not then suppose his earthly end was so near, as the event subsequently proved. Though suffering from extreme debility in his physical powers, his mind appeared to be clear and vigorous, and he listened with much interest to the account which I gave him of the meeting of the General Convention, and its proceedings. The purity of the Church, as affected especially by the lives of her ministry, and members—her soundness in doctrine—the holiness of her members as evidencing their union with Christ, by a true and living faith, were subjects which lay very near to his heart, and on which he spake with deep and impressive solemnity. He mentioned his long and trying service in the ministry of the gospel, and remarked that the temptation was sometimes presented to his mind, to look upon his arduous labors as furnishing some ground of trust and hope towards God; but said he, "it will not do, I put it all away; there is nothing to rest upon but the atonement of Christ! the atonement of Christ, is to us, all in all!" With these views our venerable brother went to his account. Relying upon the meritorious sacrifice of his Savior, he has doubtless met with the approval of his righteous judge, and entered upon the reward of a well spent life. He was among the first of the ministers of our Church, that settled in Tennessee, was present in the primary convention when the diocese was organized, and ever manifested a lively interest in its affairs. He was, besides myself, the only remaining brother left of all the clergy, who were present and took part in the election of its first Bishop. They are all gone! He is gone, and your Bishop, brethren, is admonished by the fact, and no less by increasing infirmities, that the same story may soon be told of him, and the sorrow to which friendship gives expression over a brother's grave find utterance, in a little time over his own. May we never forget the solemn warning of our Savior, and evermore "be like unto men who wait for the coming of their Lord." Our venerated brother departed this life on the evening of Nov. 21, 1850, in the midst of loving and affectionate friends, who felt it to be a privilege to minister to his wants, and smooth his passage to the tomb. He had attained to the age of nearly fourscore years, and left the world, it is believed, without an enemy to forgive, or

one of whom to ask forgiveness. "The memory of the just is blessed."

Sunday, Nov. 17.—In St. James' Church, Bolivar, after Prayers by Rev. Mr. Jansen, I preached in the forenoon to a large congregation. In the afternoon I again preached, confirmed *three* persons, and delivered an address, after Evening Prayer by Mr. Jansen.—The next day I set off for home, which I reached on the 19th Nov., and where I have remained most of the time since, in very feeble health, and very little qualified for the discharge of my many and important duties.

Thursday, Nov. 28.—I preached in Christ Church, Nashville, on the occasion of the public Thanksgiving appointed by the Governor.

Sunday, Dec. 8.—Read Prayers and preached in St. John's Church, Ashwood—and at night, after Prayers by Rev. Mr. Cressey, preached to the pupils and Teachers at Ashwood School, in the school room. It is very deeply to be regretted that the buildings of this school, which promised so much to the cause of religion in the Church, were all consumed by fire on the night of Feb. 16th, 1851. Active preparations are in progress, by the enterprising founders of this school, to re-establish it, by erecting enlarged and more substantial buildings, in the course of the year. It deserves, and will no doubt meet with liberal patronage from the members of our communion, and from an enlightened and discriminating public.

Sunday, Jan. 26, 1851.—In Christ Church, Nashville, I preached in the morning and afternoon, after prayers by the Rev. Messrs Tomes and Varian. At night, in the Mission Chapel, under the charge of the Rev. Mr. Royce, I preached, after Prayers by the Rev. Mr. Tomes.

Wednesday, 29.—After Prayers by Rev. Mr. Varian, in Christ Church, I preached, and confirmed *five* persons.

Sexagesima Sunday, Feb. 23.—In St. John's Church, Ashwood, the Rev. Mr. Cressey said Prayers, and the Rev. Charles Tomes preached; after which I confirmed *six* persons, and addressed them upon the duties and privileges of the Christian profession. Five of those confirmed, were pupils from Ashwood school, the first fruits of religious training at that nursery of piety.

March, 16, Second Sunday in Lent. The Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Mr. Varian, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Pise and

Rogers, in Christ Church, Nashville. A sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Cressey, after which, I admitted to the order of Priesthood, the Rev. M. S. Royce, heretofore ordained Deacon.—The candidate was presented by Rev. Mr. Tomes, who, with Rev. Mr. Varian, assisted in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

At night, after Prayers in the same church, by Rev. Messrs. Tomes and Royce, and a sermon by Rev. Mr. Pise, I confirmed six persons.

The Rev. Cyrus Waters has been transferred to the diocese of Maryland, and the Rev. John P. T. Ingraham to the diocese of Wisconsin.

There have been received into the diocese and acknowledged as Presbyters, upon letters dimissory, since the last convention, the Rev. John Sandels, from the diocese of Louisiana, the Rev. David Pise, from the diocese of Western New York, and the Rev. Alex. Varian, from the diocese of Indiana. The Rev. Mr. Sandels has taken charge of St. Mark's Church, Williamsport, as a Missionary and has also the care of a select school for boys. The Rev. D. Pise has become the Rector of Trinity Church, Clarksville, and the Rev. Mr. Varian has opened a school for girls, at Nashville.

The candidates for orders in this diocese are Wm. White of Knoxville—still laboring under impaired health, and Charles F. Collins, who is prosecuting his studies at my house. Mr. Jos. H. Ingraham has been transferred to Mississippi.

The report of Rev. Mr. Cressey, treasurer of the diocesan Missionary Society, will inform the convention of the disposition made of our Missionary funds during the current ecclesiastical year. No additional appropriations have been made within the year. The Rev. Messrs. Steel, Wheelock and Rogers from the incompetent provision made by their parishes for the support of them and their families, and from the less amounts appropriated to the two former, and none at all to the last named, from the Dom. Com. of Missions, would seem to have the fairest claim to assistance from our own Missionary treasury. I earnestly commend the support of our Diocesan Missions to the favor of the clerical and lay members of the convention, and respectfully ask that a collection may be made, to aid them, in all our congregations, during the year.

I have made all the necessary arrangements which were in my power, to have the business of the Diocese go regularly on and without interruption, during my absence. The Rt. Rev. Bishop

Green, of Mississippi, will, I trust, supply my place in the performance of any Episcopal offices that may be needful, and will preside over your deliberations in Convention.

It only remains, dear brethren, to ask you to remember me in your prayers, and to assure you that wherever I be, at home or abroad, present or absent, I shall not cease to invoke upon you Heaven's richest blessings, and to beseech Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, by his Holy Spirit to be present with you and to guide you in all your ways.

Your faithful friend, and affectionate Pastor,
JAMES H. OTEY.

NASHVILLE, March 18, 1851.

APPENDIX.

(A)

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with a form of Prayer.
2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up unless to address the chair.
3. No member shall absent himself from the business of the House, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.
4. Every member speaking in debate shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall respectfully address the President, confining his observations strictly to the point in debate.
5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without permission from the President.
6. A question being once determined, shall not again be brought before the House, unless on a motion for reconsideration made by one of the majority.
7. No motion shall be considered as before the House, unless it be seconded; and reduced to writing when required.
8. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken immediately, and without debate.

(B.)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE OF TENNESSEE, TO THE CONVENTION OF 1851.

February, 1851.—Consent was given to the consecration of the Rev. Francis Huger Rutledge, D. D., as Bishop of the Diocese of Florida, and testimonials were signed accordingly.

March 15, 1851.—The Rev. Moses S. Royce, Deacon, was recommended to the Bishop for Priest's orders.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES TOMES, *President.*

MEMPHIS, May 7, 1851.

(C.)

M. WATSON, TREASURER.

In Account with Pension Fund:

July 4, 1850.—To amount on hand, reported to Convention this day,	\$262 85
March 12, 1851.—To amount received from Christ Church, Nashville, per Rev. Mr. Tomes,	5 00
March 21,—To amount received from St. Peter's Church, Columbia, per Rt. Rev. J. H. Otey,	16 50
April 21,—To amount received from St. John's Church, Knoxville, per Rev. Mr. Tomes,	8 20
To amount received from St. Luke's Church, Jackson,	12 00
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M. WATSON, Treasurer.

NASHVILLE, April 21, 1851.

(D.)

CHRIST CHURCH AND ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL, NASHVILLE.

The Rector of Christ Church, Nashville, and the assistant Minister having charge of St. Paul's Chapel, report their official acts for the past year, and the state of the Parish, as follows:

<i>Infant Baptisms</i> , In the Parish Church	23
" " In St. Paul's Chapel,	8 total 31
<i>Adult Baptisms</i> , In the Parish Church,	- - - 2
<i>Confirmations</i> , In the Parish Church,	18
" " In St. Paul's Chapel,	3 total 21
<i>Communicants</i> , Died, - - - - 4	
Removed, - - - 23	
Suspended, - - - 2	
Added, - - - - 38 present number, 162	

Church Offerings.—For the forty-three Sundays since the last convention, they have amounted to \$1,165 65, being an average of \$27 11 per week. They have been appropriated as follows:

For the expenses of St. Paul's Chapel. - - - -	\$32 00
" Contingent expenses of the Church, - - - -	\$259 45
" The poor, - - - -	139 20

For the Pension Fund,	5 00
“ The Protestant Orphan Asylum,	5 00
“ The support of the Episcopate arrearages in full	425 00
“ do. do. Assessment for the present year	300 00
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	\$1,165 65

The Church is open daily, for morning and evening prayer.

The children of the congregation are openly catechised in the Church, on every Lord's day after evening service.

The Sunday School comprises 7 teachers, and about 50 children. There is also a Sunday School connected with the Chapel.

A School, partly parochial in its character, has been established under the charge of the Rev. Mr. Royce, the boys connected with which, regularly attend daily morning prayer in the Church.—There is also a school for boys and girls connected with the Chapel, under the care of a competent female instructor—a communicant of the church—who makes use of the Church Catechism as one of the books of instruction.

The following report from Mr. Ingraham, gives an account of what has been done at the State Penitentiary :

JANUARY 6, 1851.

REV'D. AND DEAR SIR:

I beg leave respectfully to report, that during the past year I have officiated at the Tennessee Penitentiary, within your parish, as chaplain and lay-reader, forty-two Sundays, twice each Sunday; to a congregation of two hundred convicts; that they were attentive and serious during service, and that the officers of the prison openly confess the influence of the gospel upon the prisoners, in their better deportment during the week. I have taught sixty-two of the men to read, and distributed one hundred and eighty prayer books. Upon my resignation of the chaplaincy last week, in order to remove to Mississippi, I left one candidate for confirmation, and nine for baptism.

Very truly yours,

J. H. INGRAHAM,

Chaplain and Lay Reader, Tenn. Penitentiary.

To REV. CHAS. TOMES,

Rector of Christ Church, Nashville.

A handsome site for a Church building has been presented to the Church by Dr. Shelby, in the neighborhood of Nashville, on the

opposite side of the river, and where there will soon be a population to justify the permanent establishment of regular church services.

CHARLES TOMES, *Rector of Christ Church.*

M. S. ROYCE,

Missionary in charge of St. Paul's Chapel.

NASHVILLE, May 1, 1851.

PAROCHIAL REPORT, ST. PETER'S CHURCH, COLUMBIA.

Number of families reported to last Convention,	24
Removed,	1
Added,	1— 2
Baptisms, Infants,	4
Confirmations,	1
Communicants, former number,	56
Added by confirmation,	1
By reception from other parishes,	2

Present number,	59
For Diocesan Missions,	\$22 55
“ Pension Fund,	16 50

The weekly offertory, which had been suspended since the last convention, at the request of many members of the congregation, has been recently resumed.

The precise amount of communion and other offerings, is not reported here, for the reason that I have not with me the accounts of such contributions as they have been entered on my books from time to time as they were made:

JAMES H. OTEY.

Rector of St. Peter's Church.

NASHVILLE, March 18, 1851.

The Rector of St. Paul's Church, Franklin, reports to the Convention as follows:

Communicants,	17
Families,	9
Baptisms,	3
Communicants—added,	1
Removed,	2
Burials,	4
Candidates for confirmation,	3
Weekly Offertory,	\$36 00

J. W. ROGERS.

The Rector of Trinity Church, Clarksville, respectfully reports to the Convention:

Baptisms—Infants, - - - - -	4
Burials, - - - - -	2
Communicants, Added, - - - - -	5
Removed, - - - - -	12 present number, 40

Weekly offerings since the 17th of November, 1850, - - - - -	47 05
Offerings at the Holy Communion, - - - - -	\$21 46

The undersigned entered upon his duties Nov. 17th, 1850, to which time the parish remained vacant from Easter of the same year. During the season of Lent, the daily Morning and Evening Service was celebrated.

DAVID PISE.

CALVARY CHURCH, MEMPHIS.

Families, - - - - -	83
Baptisms, Adults, - - - - -	3
" Infants, - - - - -	21
Marriages, - - - - -	2
Communicants, - - - - -	116
Sunday School, - - - - -	60
Teachers, - - - - -	8
Collections at Offertory, from 20th July to 20th April.	\$442 90
Contributions to Episcopate, - - - - -	800 00
Diocesan Missions, - - - - -	50 00
Liquidation of Church debt and Incidental expenses for past year, - - - - -	5,500 00

The Rector is happy to have it in his power to state that the Church debt, which has been, hitherto, a great annoyance to us, is so nearly extinguished as to be no longer burdensome, and that we can now entertain the fond hope of being enabled, ere long, to do something towards the extension of the Church in our rapidly growing city. He would also here record with devout thankfulness, that the late Lenten season, he trusts, has been specially profitable to the members of the Church and that the attendance upon Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, was such as to justify the belief that there is an increased interest upon the part of the people, in this inestimable institute. In a word, he cannot but cherish the hope that among his parishioners, there is a more profound interest than

heretofore, in those vital principles of our holy and blessed faith, which no degree of outward prosperity can ever compensate. All which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID C. PAGE, *Rector.*

MAY 9th, 1851.

The Rector of Immanuel Church, La Grange, respectfully reports, that during the past year his services have been equally divided, as heretofore, between this Church and St. Andrew's Church, Mississippi. In the former there have been:

Baptisms—Infants,	2
Confirmed,	1
Communicants—former number,	29
Removed,	4
Died,	1
Added,	4 present number, 28
Marriages,	2
Burials,	4
Sunday School Teachers,	7

" " Scholars, between 30 and 40.

Monthly collections at Communion,	\$30 00
Bishop's Salary,	\$25 00
Contingent expenses,	5 00
Diocesan Missions	10 00

Most of the communicants of this parish are members of the Diocesan Missionary Society, and contribute annually for the support of missions in that way.

JAMES FAGG.

REPORT OF ST. LUKE'S, JACKSON.

Baptisms—Infants, 3; Adults, 4. Total,	7
Confirmations,	3
Communicants—By last report,	40
Removed,	1
Withdrawn,	1
Added,	5 present number, 43
Marriages,	4
Burials,	4

Sunday School Teachers,	6
" " Scholars,	30

Domestic Missions,	\$20 00
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Support of Episcopate,	50 00
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Contingent Fund,	5 00
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Pension Fund,	12 00
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Besides the above, the Rector's salary, which is punctually paid, \$45 further offerings for the poor, and other contingent expenses, this noble little congregation will have expended, before July, and since the last convention, about \$1400 00 on chancel, pews, organ, bell, and other things necessary to complete the church, and will be free from debt. The whole was to have been completed and paid for, and the church ready for consecration by this time, but some unexpected delay has prevented the completion of the pews, and the arrival of the organ.

There is nothing worthy of note in the spiritual state of the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. McCULLOUGH, *Rector.*

MAY 6, 1851.

The Missionary to Sommerville respectfully reports: that he has held regular semi-monthly services in this place, since his last report, administering the Holy Communion monthly. One infant has been baptized. The present number of communicants is 12. Amount of communion collections, \$9 90.

W. M. STEEL.

MAY 6, 1851.

The Rector of Trinity Church respectfully reports:

Infant Baptisms,	2
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Confirmations,	6
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Present number of communicants,	23
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Weekly offerings since last report,	\$6 95
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Communion offerings, for same time,	16 80
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In consequence of having taken a school in the village of Wesley, I am enabled to have additional afternoon services, semi-monthly, in that place; which I trust will be productive of some good.

W. M. STEEL.

MAY 6th, 1851.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, BOLIVAR.

The Rector respectfully submits to his Bishop the following report:

Baptisms—Infants,	6
Communicants—last year 14; added 3,	17
Funerals,	2
Marriages,	3
Confirmations,	2
Support of Episcopate,	\$30 00
Contingent fund,	5 00

L. JANSEN.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MAURY COUNTY.

Number of families belonging to the congregation,	10
Baptisms—Infants; white,	2
" " Colored,	4
" Adults, white,	1— 7
Confirmations, white,	6
Communicants, added, white,	9
Colored,	3
Removed,	3
Suspended,	1 present number, 57

Marriages: white, 1, colored 4, 5

Burials, colored, 4

SERVICES.—The services are continued according to our usual system, with the exception of a Sunday evening Lecture, in the study Hall of the Parochial School, which was continued up to the time of the fire.

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL.—The beautiful and commodious buildings erected by the Messrs. Polk, for the use of the school, were entirely consumed by fire in February last. Temporary buildings were at once put up, on the lot where the Rectory stands, and the School continued on a reduced scale. During the next year, the number of Boarding Pupils will be limited to about fifteen, but with a full complement of instruction in all departments.

Of the persons confirmed, five were members of our School family. Our experience hitherto, has given us increased confidence

in the usefulness and efficiency of the School, as a Seminary of high order and as subservient to the Church.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS.—Parochial expenses,	- - - - -	\$234 00
Support of the Episcopate,	- - -	240 00
Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	-	10 00
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		\$484 00

E. H. CRESSEY, Rector.

To the President of the Convention:

The Rector of St John's Church, Knoxville, respectfully presents the following report:

Baptisms—Children,	- - - - -	8
Confirmations,	- - - - -	7
Communicants, Former number	- - - - -	54
Added,	- - - - -	12
Died,	- - - - -	1
Removed,	- - - - -	6
Wilfully separated,	- - - - -	1 present number, 58
Marriages,	- - - - -	2
Burials,	- - - - -	3
Contributions.—Episcopal Assessment,	-	\$60 00
Convention Fund,	- - - - -	5 00
Diocesan Missions,	- - - - -	61 50
Foreign Missions,	- - - - -	15 00
Domestic Missions,	- - - - -	5 00
Pension Fund,	- - - - -	8 20
Episcopate Fund,	- - - - -	11 32
Visitation expenses, (Bp.)	- - - - -	15 00
Church improvements,	- - - - -	61 67
Contingent expenses,	- - - - -	84 48
Ravenscroft College,	- - - - -	10 00—\$327 17
Sunday School Teachers,	- - - - -	8
" " Scholars,—say	- - - - -	40

A Sunday School has been opened for colored persons, which promises well. The spiritual condition of the parish is not, I trust, an unhealthy one. There is reason to believe that the people are growing in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

KNOXVILLE, April 22, 1851.

THOS. W. HUMES.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, WILLIAMSPORT,
Rev. J. Sandels, Rector.

The Rector of this parish reports:

Families,	40
Communicants,	11
Baptisms, colored infants,	2
Marriages,	3
Funerals,	3
Contributions, Foreign Missions,	\$3 00
Domestic "	12 00

There is in the present condition of this parish, very little to encourage its minister to hope for much immediate increase. The congregations are good, but so far as I know, the word preached has produced no fruits of righteousness to the glory of God.

In compliance with the resolution of the last convention, I have written a brief historical sketch of the parish, but as there are one or two statements in it which I wish to verify, I shall retain it for a few days longer, and then send it to the Secretary.

J. SANDELS, *Rector.*

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, COVINGTON.

Number of families belonging to the congregation, 5
Communicants, Former number, - - - 13
 Added by confirmation, 3
 Removed, - - - 10 present number, 6

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, RANDOLPH.

Number of families at last report, - - -	17
Added by removal from other parishes,	2 present number, 19
Baptisms, - - - - -	1
Confirmations, colored, 3; white, 1, - - - - -	4
Number of communicants at last report, 35	
Added by removals from other parishes,	5
Died, - - - - -	1 present number, 43
Burials, - - - - -	1
Marriages, - - - - -	0

Sunday School Scholars	25
" " Teachers,	6
Weekly offerings for support of Ministers,	\$24 05
" " Aged and infirm Clergy,	4 65
Domestic Missions,	2 00
Diocesan Missions,	4 00
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Total,	\$34 10

Very Respectfully,

JNO. A. WHEELOCK.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, GREENVILLE.

Baptisms, White, 8; colored 2,	10
" Aduits, 5, Infants, 5,	10
Confirmations,	4
Funerals,	3
Present number of communicants,	34
Alms during the year,	\$25 00
Ravenscroft College,	12.00

I have received nothing, up to this date, towards the support of the Episcopate, nor for the contingent expenses of the convention. I may, however, be able to send it before the printing of the Journal.

I have resigned the charge of this parish, but by the request of the Vestry, shall remain until the 1st of June. My health is such, together with the circumstances of my family, as demand that I should seek another field of labor. Though I have never been able to meet with the brethren in Church Council, I leave them with feelings of regret, and with sincere prayers for God's blessing upon them, and the Rt. Rev. Father who has the oversight of them. May God's blessing accompany him during his journey to foreign lands, and return him to the Diocese with renewed health and strength.

Yours truly, in Christ,

W. H. GOOD.

(E.)

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The committee to whom have been referred the Bishop's Address,

and the Parochial reports, make the following statement respecting the present state and aspect of the Church in this Diocese.

The statistical information derived from the sources laid before them, would seem in some respects to exhibit the present state of the Church, as but little in advance of her condition at the time of the last convention. Your committee do not however see in this, cause for serious reproach, much less for discouragement. It is not to be expected that a diocese like that of Tennessee, situated in a portion of country which receives but few accessions by immigration, should as rapidly increase in number and strength as other parts of the West which are daily filling up in population, derived from the Eastern States and from Great Britain, among whom are many who have been early trained and nurtured in the Church.—In this diocese the Church growth is mainly by natural increase, and by accessions to her fold from those who have been, in a great measure, strangers to the covenant of promise, and hitherto unblest by that system of Catholic truth and Apostolic usage which prevails in our branch of the church.

But there is another reason why the statistics do not show a greater increase. Not only has this diocese not swelled its numbers, by any influx of members of the Church from other dioceses, but it has actually suffered loss by the removal of many of its members into other States. The great changes which have taken place in some of the towns in this State, and their rapid decline, would hardly be believed of a country so new as this. Towns once in a flourishing condition, have now become almost deserted. The Church has of course, in her outward state, felt the effects of these changes, and suffered from these adverse circumstances.

While, however, the Diocese does not appear to be rapidly increasing in numbers, the reports of the Clergy generally evidence an encouraging state of things in a spiritual point of view, within their respective parishes. There seems to be a growing appreciation of the inestimable spiritual privileges of the Church, and of her holy ways and ordinances. And this is manifested by an unusual increase of the number of communicants—a more general attention to the Fasts and Festivals of the Church, and the large amount reported of Church offerings.

The number of parishes and the number of Clergy are the same as at the last convention. Whatever increase is to take place hereafter in either, must arise, so far as human causes are concerned,

mainly, if not entirely, from the exertions and devotion of ourselves. On account of the very limited immigration into the Diocese, before spoken of, and the little comparative wealth of the members of the Church, such increase must necessarily be slow. Still, something may soon be done by ourselves, towards "preaching the kingdom of God to other cities also." There are several of the larger towns in the State, in each of which some members of the Church are residing, but in which the Church has as yet had no permanent foothold. In order to extend the influences of the Church to these places, and to provide her with the means of gathering together her scattered children, and blessing them with her holy privileges, the chief reliance can be placed only upon our own missionary efforts. The Diocesan Missionary Society, though it has had but little to give, has nevertheless been, and is at present, of essential service in carrying on the Church work. It is to be hoped that every year will witness a great increase in the amount of contributions to the Society from the several parishes in the Diocese to enable it to do still more towards enlarging the kingdom of the redeemer.

With these remarks your committee present the following statistics, as gathered from the documents laid before them, and thus close their report.

There have been since the last convention:

BAPTIZED—of infants, in 15 congregations,		99
Adults, 5 "		15 total 114
CONFIRMED, 10 "		56
Added to the COMMUNION, 12 "		102
ORDAINED—1 Deacon, 2 Priests; total,		3
CHURCH CONSECRATED,		1
Contributed of CHURCH OFFERINGS, in 17 congregations, \$10,685 03		
The present number of CLERGY belonging to the Diocese is		17
The present number of PARISHES in the Diocese is		16
Congregations not organized as parishes,		4
Present number of COMMUNICANTS in 16 parishes is		726

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES TOMES,
DAVID PISE,
GEORGE R. LONG,
Committee on the State of the Church.

(F.)
REPORTS OF THE TREASURER.

EPISCOPATE FUND,*In account with E. H. Cressey, Acting Treasurer:*

CR.

May, 1851—By am't rec'd from Dr. S. Oldham,	\$25 00
" St. Paul's, Randolph,	10 00
" Immanuel Ch., La Grange,	25 00
" St. James Ch., Bolivar,	30 00
" Trinity, Tipton, and Sommerville,	20 00
" St. John's, Maury co.,	90 00
" St. Paul's, Franklin,	20 00
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	\$220 00

CONTINGENT FUND,*In account with E. H. Cressey, Acting Treasurer.*

CR.

July, 1850—By balance in hand,	\$59 50
May, 1851. Am't. rec'd. from St. Paul's, Randolph.	5 00
" Immanuel Ch., La Grange,	5 00
" Trinity, Clarksville,	5 00
" St. James, Bolivar,	5 00
" Christ, Nashville,	20 00
" St. Luke's, Jackson,	5 00
" Trinity, Tipton co., & Sommerville,	5 00
" St. John's, Maury co.,	10 00
" St. Peter's, Columbia,	10 00
" Calvary, Memphis,	20 00
" St. Paul's, Franklin,	5 00
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	\$154 50

DR.

Oct. 1850—To paid quota to the General Convention,	\$17 00
" for printing Journals, in part,	42 50
" for Postages,	1 30
Balance in hand,	93 70
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	\$154 50

DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

In account with E. H. Cressy, Treasurer.

July, 1850—By balance in hand.	\$129 04
Aug. Rec'd from St. John's Knoxville,	10 00
Dec. " St Peter's, Columbia,	22 55
" Miss M. C. Harrison,	3 00
" St. John's Knoxville,	25 00
Jan. 1851. " St. Luke's, Jackson,	20 00
" Mrs. Bouchelle, per Rev. Mr. Rogers,	10 00
" Mrs. McKibbin, do.	1 00
April. " St. John's, Knoxville,	26 50
May. " Mrs. Stith, annual subscriber,	2 00
" Miss Fitzhugh, do.	2 00
" Mrs. Wormley, do.	2 00
" Dr. E. Rose, do.	2 00
" Miss Susan Hatch, do.	2 00
" Mrs. M. H. Wormley, do.	2 00
" Mrs. Philips, do.	4 00
" Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Harris, Donation,	10 00
" Mrs. Barnett, do.	3 00
" Sally Long Trezevant, an. subscriber,	2 00
" Thomas G. Anderson, Donation,	2 00
" Mrs. E.W. Anderson, an. subscriber,	2 00
" Mrs. M. H. Gloster, do.	2 00
" M. Hawks, do.	2 00
" S. P. Walker, do.	2 00
" Mrs. S. P. Walker, do.	2 00
" Miss Maria B. Walker, do.	2 00
" Miss Kate H. Walker do.	2 00
" G. P. Philips, do.	2 00
" Rev. J. W. Rogers, do.	2 00
" Mrs. Rose Eagle, do.	2 00
" Cash,	39 00
" Mrs. M. J. Stoddart, an. subscriber,	2 00
" James Caruthers, do.	2 50
" Mrs. James Caruthers, do.	2 50
" W. H. Stephens, Donation,	5 00
" Mrs. Leroy Pope, do.	10 00
" Collection in church at convention,	57 00
" Mrs. J. M. M'Combs, annual subscriber,	2 00

May, Rec'd. from Dr. S. Oldham,		do.	2 50
" Mrs. Dr. Oldham,		do.	2 50
" Dr. R. H. Oldham		do.	2 50
" A. S. Oldham,		do.	2 50
" James J. Alston,		do.	2 00
" Mrs. E. Alston		do.	2 00
" Immanuel Ch., La Grange,	do.		10 00
" Rev. W. M. Steel, annual subscriber,			2 00
" Mrs. Wright,	do.		4 00
" Mr. and Mrs. John Baird,	do.		4 00
" J. F. Jett,	do.		2 00
" Miss S. Jett,	do.		2 00

\$458 09

DR.

Aug. 1851—To paid the Rev. W. H. Good,		\$10 00
" " J. W. Rogers,		11 00
May, 1851. " " W. M. Steel,		130 00
" " J. A. Wheelock,		130 00
" " J. W. Rogers,		50 00
Balance in hand,		127 00

\$458 09

(G.)

List of Committees, &c.**STANDING COMMITTEE.**

The Rev. Charles Tomes, <i>Pres't.</i>	Francis B. Fogg,
" E. H. Cressey,	Dr. J. Shelby.
" J. W. Rogers.	

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

The Rev. D. C. Page, D. D.	Francis B. Fogg,
" E. H. Cressey,	Lucius J. Polk,
" Charles Tomes,	Dr. S. Oldham,
" J. W. McCullough, D. D.	George W. Polk.

THE MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop OTEY, <i>ex officio.</i>	Lucius J. Polk,
The Rev. E. H. Cressey, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Dr. W. J. Polk.
" Charles Tomes,	

TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPATE FUND.

Messrs. F. B. Fogg, and Thomas Maney.

TRUSTEES OF THE PENSION FUND.

The Rev. J. W. M'Cullough, D. D.	Dr. J. Shelby,
" D. C. Page, D. D.	M. Watson, <i>Treasurer.</i>

TRUSTEES OF THE GEN. THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Rev. D. C. Page, D. D., Rev. E. H. Cressey and F. B. Fogg.

TREASURER.

FRANCIS G. ROCHE, *Columbia,*

SECRETARY.

The Rev. E. H. CRESSEY, *Ashwood, Maury county.*

ERRATA.—On page 7, for Dr. J. Oldham, read Dr. S. Oldham.
On page 23, for James Fagg, read William Fagg.

By an oversight, the closing proceedings of the Convention were omitted in the Journal. They are here appended to such of the Journals as have not been distributed. They should have followed the Bishop's address, on page 17.

The Parochial reports were then read and ordered to be appended to the Journal. *Appendix D.*

The report of the committee on the communication from the Archbishop of Canterbury was taken up, and the resolutions contained therein were adopted.

The Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, May 10, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The committee on Assessments made their report, and the following schedule was adopted:

Churches.	Support of Episcopate.	Contingent Fund.
Christ Church, Nashville,	\$300	\$25
Cavalry Church, Memphis,	300	25
St. Peter's Church, Columbia,	150	10
St. John's Church, Maury county,	90	10
Trinity Church, Clarksville,	50	5
Immanuel Church, La Grange,	25	5
St. Luke's Church, Jackson,	60	5
St. John's Church, Knoxville,	60	5
St. James' Church, Bolivar.	30	5
Trinity Church, Tipton county, and		
St. Thomas Church, Somerville,	20	5
St. Paul's Church, Randolph,	20	5
St. James' Church, Greenville,	25	5
St. Paul's, Church, Franklin,	20	5
Zion Church, Brownsville,	25	5

Total for the Episcopate \$1,175 Cont. Fund, \$120

Resolved, That the Secretary have printed, not less than 350, nor more than 500 copies of the Journal, with the usual appendix.

Resolved, That the report of the committee on the State of the Church be presented to the Standing Committee, and under their direction be appended to the Journal. *Appendix E.*

The accounts of the Acting Treasurer were presented, and referred to Dr. Oldham and Mr. Green, as an Auditing Committee. They were ordered to be appended to the Journal. *Appendix F.*

The following resolution was introduced and adopted.

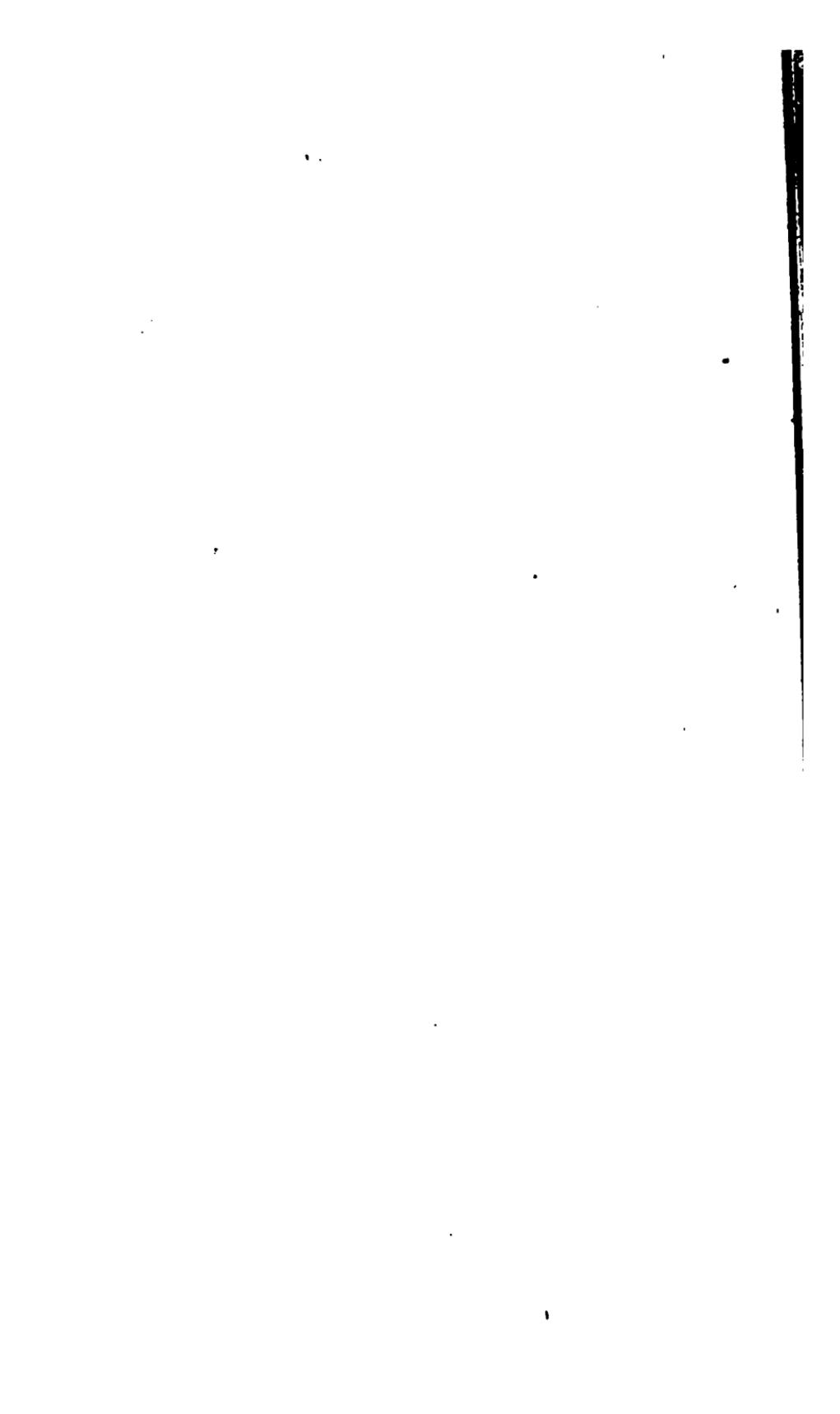
Inasmuch as the resolution passed at the last convention, requesting the Clergy of the Diocese to collect historical facts connected with their respective parishes, and submit them to this Convention, has not been complied with, therefore

Resolved, That the clergy be, and are hereby earnestly requested to collect all historical matters within their reach, connected with their parishes, and to submit them to the next Convention, that they may serve for materials for a full history of the Church in this Diocese.

The Journal was then read and approved, and after the usual religious services, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

DAVID C. PAGE, D. D. *President*,

[ATTEST.] E. H. CRESSEY, *Secretary*.





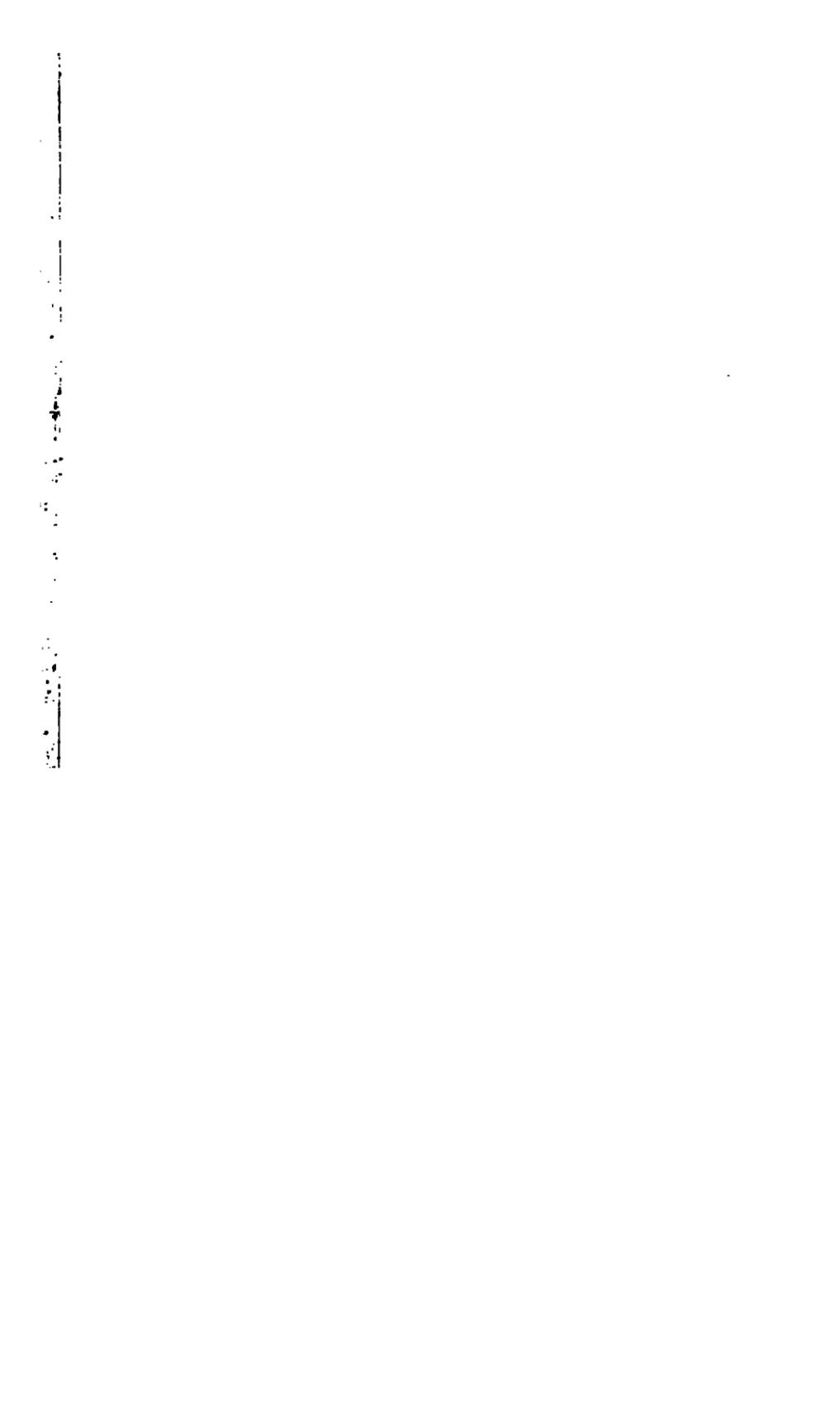
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LIST OF THE CLERGY,

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The Rt. Rev. JAMES HERVEY OTEY, D. D., BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE,
Columbia,

The Rev. E. HARRISON CRESSEY, D.D.,

"	WILLIAM FAGG,	Rector of St. John's Church, Maury County.
"	JOHN L. GAY,	Rector of Immanuel Church, La Grange.
"	W. P. GAHAGAN,	Missionary at the Mouth of Tellico, and at Loudon.
"	WILLIAM H. GOOD,	Officiating in St. James' Church, Greenville,
"	THOMAS W. HUMES,	Rector of St. Peter's Church, Columbia.
"	LEWIS JANSEN,	Rector of St. John's Church, Knoxville.
"	J. W. McCULLOUGH, D.D.	Rector of St. James' Church, Bolivar.
"	DAVID C. PAGE, D.D.	Rector of St. Luke's Church, Jackson.
"	DAVID PINE,	Rector of Calvary Church, Memphis.
"	JAMES W. ROGERS,	Rector of Trinity Church, Clarksville.
"	WILLIAM M. STEEL,	Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville.
"	FRANKLIN G. SMITH, Suspended, Columbia.	Missionary at Somerville and Trinity Church, Tipton County.
"	JOHN SANDELS,	Rector of Trinity School, Clarksville, and Missionary in Montgomery County.
"	CHARLES TOMES,	Rector of Christ Church, Nashville.
"	I. A. WHEELOCK,	Rector of St. Paul's Church, Randolph, &c.
"	W. H. C. YEAGER,	Residing in California.
"	CHARLES F. COLLINS,	Admitted to the Diaconate on the Sunday following the Convention.

LIST OF PARISHES.

Christ Church,	Nashville,	Trinity Church,	Clarksville,
St. Paul's "	Franklin,	St. Luke's "	Jackson,
Immanuel "	La Grange,	Zion "	Brownsville,
St. Paul's "	Randolph,	St. James'	Bolivar,
Calvary "	Memphis,	St. John's "	Maury County,
St. Mark's "	Williamsport,	Trinity "	Tipton County,
St. John's "	Knoxville,	St. James "	Greenville,
St. Peter's "	Columbia,	Church of the Holy Trinity,	Nashville.

JOURNAL.

CHRIST CHURCH, NASHVILLE, }
Wednesday, May 5, A. D. 1852 }

The TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Tennessee, assembled in Christ Church, Nashville, on Wednesday, the fifth day of May, A. D. 1852, being the place and time appointed by the last Convention.

After Morning Prayer and the Administration of the Holy Communion, the Rt. Rev. James Hervey Otey, D. D. the Bishop, and *ex officio* President of the Convention, caused to be read a list of Clergymen belonging to the Diocese, and entitled to seats; of whom there were present:—

The Rev. E. H. CRESSEY, D.D. *Rector of St. John's, Maury Co.*

" WILLIAM H. GOOD,	" St. Peter's, Columbia.
" THOMAS W. HUMES,	" St. John's, Knoxville,
" J. W. M'CULLOUGH, D. D.	St. Luke's, Jackson.
" D. C. PAGE, D. D.	Calvary, Memphis.
" DAVID PISE,	Trinity, Clarksville.
" JAMES W. ROGERS,	Church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville.
" WILLIAM M. STEEL,	Missionary in Tipton Co.
" CHARLES TOMES,	Christ Church, Nashville..
" J. A. WHEELOCK,	St. Paul's, Randolph.

The certificates of Lay Delegates were laid upon the Secretary's table, and referred to the Rev. Dr. Cressey and the Rev. Mr. Steel, who reported that the following were duly appointed to represent their several parishes in this Convention:—

Christ Church, Nashville,

F. B. FOGG,
J. SHELBY, M. D.
JAMES B. CRAIGHEAD.

St. John's Church, Maury Co.

GEO. W. POLK,
ANDREW J. POLK,
GEORGE R. LONG.

Calvary Church, Memphis,

A. O. HARRIS,
JOHN F. JETT,
THOMAS HOLEYOAKE,
J. K. P. CAMPBELL,
L. HOWKINS,
JOHN BAIRD.

St. Peter's Church, Columbia,

A. M. LEA,
J. W. J. NILES,
W. B. REESE, Jr.
J. O. SHACKLEFORD,
G. A. HENRY,
W. J. CASTNER,
SAMUEL T. TAYLOR,
R. B. SOMERVILLE,
PITSER MILLER,
E. P. MCNEAL.

St. John's Church, Knoxville,

Trinity Church, Clarksville,

Trinity Church, Tipton County,

St. James' Church, Bolivar,

The list being called the following answered to their names, and took their seats.

FRANCIS B. FOGG,	JOHN F. JETT,
J. B. CRAIGHEAD,	THOMAS HOLEYOAKE,
GEORGE R. LONG,	J. K. P. CAMPBELL,
A. O. HARRIS,	JOHN BAIRD.

The Convention then balloted for Secretary, and the Rev. E. H. Cressey, D. D. was duly elected.

On motion, the Rules of Order of the last Convention were adopted for the government of this. See Appendix A.

The President then declared the Convention duly organized.

Application was made for the Church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville, to be admitted into union with the Convention, and referred, with the accompanying papers, to the Rev. Mr. Pise, and Mr. J. F. Jett.

The ballot was then taken for Treasurer of the Diocese, and Mr. A. O. Harris was duly elected.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Clergymen of the Diocese not entitled to seats in the Convention, Clergymen present from other

Dioceses, and candidates for Holy Orders, be invited to take seats in this Convention.

The following Committees were appointed:—

On Unfinished Business. The Rev. Mr. Tomes and Mr. Baird,

On the State of the Church. The Rev. Messrs. Humes and Steel, and Mr. Harris.

The Convention then adjourned to meet at half-past eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, May 6th, 8½ o'clock, A. M.

The Convention assembled in Christ Church, the Bishop in the chair. The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The Rev. Messrs. Fagg and Sandels, and Messrs. G. W. Polk, Shackleford, Castner, Miller and McNeal appeared and took their seats.

The Rev. Mr. Pise, in behalf of the Committee, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee to whom were referred the Articles of Association, adopted by the Church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville, applying for admission into union with this Convention, and the required certificate of the Standing Committee, find them according to Canon, and present the following resolution, viz:—

Resolved, That the Church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville, be and hereby is admitted into union with this Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

D. PISE,

Nashville, May 6, 1852.

J. F. JETT.

Messrs. George M. Brandon and F. E. Reynett presented their certificates as delegates from this parish and took their seats.

The Committee on unfinished business, made the following report, which, on motion, was laid on the table.

REPORT.

The Committee on unfinished business respectfully report—that they have searched the Journal of last year's Convention, and find that two alterations were proposed to be made in Article 4th of the Constitution, and which for final action were necessarily, according to the Constitution, to lie over to this

Convention, and which proposed alterations were in form of resolutions as follows:

Resolved, That act 4th of the Constitution be amended, by inserting in the third line, after the words "*in this State,*" the following, "*Who shall have been canonically resident in this Diocese, for the space of at least six months preceding*"—

Resolved, That Art. 4th of the Constitution be amended, by striking out the words "*of youth,*" in the fourth line, and inserting the following words in their place—"in incorporated institutions, and such as are recognized by the Convention, or by the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese."

The Committee also deem it proper in them to call the attention of the Convention to the following resolution, passed at the last Annual Meeting—that enquiry be made whether or not it has been complied with:—

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Pension Fund be directed to loan on interest, upon sufficient security, the money in his hands belonging to that fund, and that the Secretary notify him of this resolution."

And further, to the following resolution, that the Clergy present may be reminded of what is expected from them at this Convention:—

Resolved, That the Clergy be, and are hereby earnestly requested to collect all historical matters within their reach, connected with their parishes, and to submit them to the next Convention, that they may serve for materials for a full History of the Church in this Diocese."

Respectfully submitted,

C. TOMES, *Chairman of Com.*

Nashville, May 6, 1852.

The Secretary read a communication from the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention of 1850, which was ordered to be appended to the Journal. *See Appendix B.*

The Rev. Mr. Tomes, President of the Standing Committee, read a report of that Committee, which was ordered to be appended to the Journal. *See Appendix C.*

The Report of the Treasurer of the Diocese was presented,

and referred to Messrs. Baird and Harris to be audited. See *Appendix D.*

The Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was taken up, and the resolution of the last Convention, amending Article IV. of the Constitution, by inserting after the words "*in this State,*" in the third line, the following:—"who shall have been canonically resident in this Diocese, for the space of at least six months preceding," was ratified and adopted.

A resolution for the further amendment of Article IV of the Constitution was under consideration, when, on motion,

Resolved, That the Convention take a recess till 3 o'clock this afternoon, to attend to the reading of the Bishop's Address, and of the Parochial Reports.

THURSDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled.

The Parochial Reports were presented, and laid on the table till to-morrow morning.

The Bishop then read his Annual Address.

ADDRESS.

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY, AND LAITY:—

Under God's favor we have again met together in diocesan council: and here first of all, I wish to give expression to, and record my sense of the Divine goodness in restoring me to my Diocese in renewed health, in improved strength, and inspired, as I humbly trust, with a hearty desire to labour in the cause of "Christ and the Church."

In compliance with the provisions of the canon of the General Convention, I proceed to lay before you such information as I possess about the affairs of the diocese, accompanied by such remarks as I hope may assist us in our present deliberations. You are aware that before my departure for Europe last Spring, I requested the Rt. Rev. Dr. Green, Bishop of Mississippi, to visit the diocese and perform Episcopal offices for me during my absence. That request was com-

plied with most readily, as far as circumstances permitted, and I cannot perhaps make you better acquainted with the services performed, and the spirit with which he discharged the duties asked of him, than by inserting here his own kind letter, received a few days ago. It is as follows:—

Jackson, April 2, 1852.

Rt. REV. JAMES H. OTEY,

My dear Brother,

In compliance with the invitation of your Standing Committee, as well as your own request, made before your late departure from home in search of health, I undertook in October last, a visitation of a portion of your diocese, and now present you with a statement of the official acts which I then performed in your stead. Commencing on the river, I visited Memphis, Randolph, Covington, Trinity Church Tipton County, Brownsville, Jackson, Ashwood, Columbia, Nashville, Bolivar, and La Grange, performing the usual services, and confirming in all *forty-seven persons*.

At Cavalry Ch., Memphis, Oct. 19th & 20th, I confirmed 15 persons,

“ Ravenscroft Chapel, Tipton Co.	Oct. 22d,	“	1	“
“ Trinity Ch.	“ 23d,	“	6	“
“ Brownsville,	“ 24th,	“	1	“
“ St. Luke’s Ch. Jackson,	“ 26th,	“	11	“
“ St. Peters Ch. Columbia,	“ 29th,	“	4	“
Immanuel Ch. La Grange	Nov. 7th,	“	9	“

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At each and all of these places I met with a cordial reception from both clergy and people. Among the latter I had the pleasure of taking by the hand, once more, many old and dear friends, and of the former—your Presbyters, I can truly say in the language of the Sainted Ignatius, that they seem “fitted to their Bishop, as the strings are fitted to the harp.”

It was my intention, if your absence had been prolonged as you expected, to revisit your Diocese this Spring; to preside at your convention, and officiate in the remaining parishes. I thank God, however, that the speedy and almost unlooked-for restoration of your health has enabled you so soon to return to the people whom you love, and by whom, as I can bear witness, you are equally loved. May He, who has once more put it in your power to labour for his church, give you a full and perfect devotion of heart and soul to Him in all things and make you to see his work prospering in your hands. That grace,

mercy and peace may be with you, my Brother, is the heartfelt prayer of your fellow servant under Christ.

(Signed) Wm. M. GREEN.

For the services which my Rt. Rev. Brother performed for me in a manner so acceptable to all, and for the kind and fraternal terms in which he has spoken both of you and myself, I am sure you will unite with me in tendering him our grateful acknowledgements and thanks.

I have but very little to add to the above, of official services performed by me since my return.

Sunday, March 14th, 1852.—Preached in the morning and afternoon at Calvary Church, Memphis, after the usual services by Rev. Dr. Page. After service in the morning I confirmed *ten* persons.

Sunday, March 21st,—At Trinity Church, Clarksville, preached in the morning and afternoon—prayers being read by Rev. Mr. Pise. After the service in the forenoon I confirmed *two* persons.

Sunday, March 28th,—Preached in Christ Church, Nashville; after prayers in the morning and afternoon by Rev. Mr. Tomes.

Sunday, April 4th,—In St. Peter's Church, Columbia, after prayers by the Rev. Mr. Good, and sermon by Rev. Dr. Cressey, I confirmed *three* persons, and delivered an Address.

Sunday, April 11th,—In consequence of the illness of the Rector, I officiated in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, morning and afternoon, by reading prayers, preaching, and administering the Holy Communion in the former.

Sunday, April 25th,—After morning prayers by the Rev. Dr. Cressey, I preached in St. John's Church, Ashwood.

Sunday, May 1st,—In St. Peter's Church, Columbia, the Rev. Mr. Good read morning prayers, after which I preached, confirmed *one* person and assisted the Rector in the administration of the Holy Communion.

From this, it would appear, that since the last Convention *sixty-three* persons have been confirmed in eight parishes.

Of the only two candidates for orders, belonging to this diocese, one of them Mr. Wm. White, has requested that his name be stricken from the list of candidates, in consequence, I presume, of continued ill-health; the other, Mr. C. F. Collins, it is expected will be ordained a Deacon during the present Convention.

Of clerical changes the following are to be noted, as having occurred within the last Conventional year: The Rev. Wm. H. Good has resigned the Rectorship of St. James' Church, Greenville, and become the Rector of St. Peter's Church, Columbia.

The Rev. Jno. Sandels has resigned the charge of St. Mark's Church, Williamsport, and taken a school at Clarksville.

The Rev. Mr. Varian has taken dimissory letters to the Bishop of Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Jas. W. Rogers has resigned the Rectorship of St Paul's Church, Franklin, and become Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, at Nashville.

It is understood that the Rev. Jno. L. Gay is laboring near the mouth of Tellico, in East Tennessee, and the Rev. Mr. Gahagan, at Greenville, but neither of these clergymen are canonically connected with the diocese by dimissory letters.

The Rev. M. S. Royce has taken dimissory letters to the Bishop of Vermont.

I had been at home only three days after an absence of more than twelve months, and had hardly had time to receive the gratulations of friends upon my safe return in restored health, when I was called upon to exercise a most painful act of discipline in the case of the Rev. Franklin G. Smith, the late Rector of the Columbia Female Institute. As this case is somewhat singular, in many of its features, and has assumed an aspect altogether anomalous and extraordinary, I deem it but just and fair to all concerned, and especially that the discipline of the Church may be vindicated from unmerited aspersion, to place before this Convention, that it may be entered on the Journal, a copy of the letter of the Rev. F. G. Smith, addressed to me, upon which the act of discipline referred to was predicated, and also a copy of said act or sentence, as by me pronounced.

COLUMBIA, TENN. April 2d, 1852.

To the RIGHT REV. BISHOP OTEY,

Sir:—I feel constrained to confess to you, as I did in words of sorrow and penitence on yesterday, that I have indulged in dalliance with Miss Mary E. Walker, very reprehensible, considering that she was my pupil, with a right to expect from me an example and deportment that should have always tended to purify her moral sensibilities. In no other point of view does my conscience burden me with the sense of guilt in this matter.

On her starting some reports on this subject, calculated to wound the feelings of my devoted and beloved wife, I have to confess that I lie under the grievous guilt of denying that I ever had such dalliance—knowing that this assertion was not true. I am also constrained to confess that when she asserted that I had done a certain thing, I did (forgetting the fear of God) commit the grievous sin of asserting that I had not done that thing, knowing that this assertion of mine was not true. Constrained by an earnest devotion to

my wife, and a desire to vindicate myself, I said that which was not true. For these offences of mine, I am penetrated with the keenest sorrow and contrition, as being committed against God. That I, as well as others, may fear to do the like, thus burdening their consciences with the sense of guilt, I freely submit myself to the godly discipline of the Church.

Very respectfully,

Your Presbyter,

(Signed,) _____

F. G. SMITH.

DIOCESE OF TENNESSEE, April 4th, 1852.

IN THE NAME OF GOD. AMEN.

Whereas, the Rev'd. Franklin G. Smith, a Presbyter of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Tennessee, in a communication addressed to me, the Bishop of said Diocese, under date of April 2d, 1852, has made a voluntary confession of sins and offences committed by him, contrary to God's Word, and in violation of his Ordination Vows, to the great scandal of religion and piety, and disgraceful to his profession and calling as a minister of the gospel; for which sins and offences the laws and canons of the Church provide adequate punishments, to the intent that offenders may be brought to repentance and amendment of life, to the saving of the soul through God's mercy in Christ, and to the intent also that others may fear to offend; And whereas, the Rev. Franklin G. Smith, Presbyter as aforesaid, after having made his confession and witnessed the same by declarations of the like tenor and effect to others, has submitted himself to my judgment, and asked for "the godly discipline of the Church," in the fear of God;

Now therefore be it known, that I, James Hervey Otey, by Divine permission Bishop, exercising spiritual jurisdiction in the Diocese of Tennessee, and acting under the solemn obligation of my consecration vows, which bind me diligently to minister discipline according to the authority of God's Word, and the order of his Church—to "be so merciful as to be not too remiss, and so to minister discipline as not to forget mercy,"—do pronounce and declare upon the said Franklin G. Smith, Presbyter, the following sentence, to wit: That the said Franklin G. Smith, Presbyter, be and by this act is declared to be suspended from the exercise of all the functions and offices of the Sacred Ministry of the Gospel, for the period of twelve calendar months, from and after this 4th day of April, A.D. 1852; and upon the expiration of said period of twelve months, until such further time as he shall fail to furnish satisfactory evidence of godly repentance for his sin, and a return to amended life and conversation.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and do here, in the presence of this Congregation of Christ's flock, worshipping in St. Peter's Church, Columbia, Tenn., proclaim the foregoing instrument recited,

to be my act, sentence, and judgment, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

JAS. H. OTEY,

Bishop of Tennessee.

Attest,

E. H. CRESSEY, D. D. Presbyter, and Rector of St. John's, Maury County.
W. H. Good, Presbyter, and Rector of St. Peter's Church, Columbia.

I wish to say as little as I can, consistently with convictions of duty, about this most unpleasant and unhappy business. Indeed I might and should probably have left the subject, just where the two papers read to you, place it, but for the attempt made by a large and respectable body of citizens, in and about Columbia, to neutralize the force of the Rev. Mr. Smith's own written confessions—to nullify the moral influence of any sentence of ecclesiastical discipline in his case, intended to bring him to the exercise of a true repentance, or deter others from offending in like manner—and to discredit the act of the board of Trustees, by proclaiming to the world their unabated confidence in him, as possessing all those qualities which entitle him to the honor, respect, and esteem of men. I certainly do not mean to question the right of these gentlemen to their opinion in the premises, nor to discuss its correctness. But will it be denied that this expression of "unabated confidence" in the character of the Rev. Mr. Smith, under the circumstances, and just at this time, was intended to countervail the influence of Mr. Smith's own confessions—of the act of the board in removing him from the Rectorship of the Institute—and of the sentence which suspended him from the ministry. If this will not be denied, and we think it certainly cannot be, then these gentlemen ought to realize that they have taken upon themselves the awful responsibility of attempting to lower the tone of moral purity in that very relation, where it is most important to the interests of society that it should be preserved—that they have interfered to arrest a penitent man in carrying out his resolutions, to subdue his passions and amend his life—and that they have assailed the justice of a church censure, incalculably milder, than that which the offender himself begged to have pronounced upon him. That all the persons concerned in this movement against the exercise of what none have denied was lawful authority, contemplated the assumption of such a position before the public, we are far from thinking or believing. We know, very well, how such papers are gotten up, and how thoughtlessly or inconsiderately they are oftentimes signed. But this only renders the conduct of men of note and influence who originate and encourage such movements in the community the more

inexcusable. We have already had a case in the history of this diocese, where a clergyman having been convicted of the very offence, which Mr. Smith makes a part of his confession, was degraded from the ministry. A few persons excited the sympathy of the community in his favor, and a large number of the most respectable names, as in this case were affixed to a paper, recommending him to the President of the United States, and expressing the opinion, precisely the same in substance with that we are considering, that the conviction and sentence of the clergyman had not "altered his moral relations to society." Upon the strength of this paper he was received as a minister in the Lutheran Church, and some months after was proved to be guilty of one of the most cruel and atrocious acts of seduction, that darken the records of human crime, and was forced to flee from the aroused indignation of a virtuous community, and to seek temporary refuge in an asylum, under the pretext of insanity. If any man enquire why I feel so much interest in this matter, as to introduce it here; this is my answer: I am a public teacher of religion. I feel as much interest for the welfare and moral character of the community in which I live as any other man. I claim to have done as much for the cause of female education as any other man among us. I have spent the best energies of soul and body, and passed the most vigorous years of my life in this cause. I am setting up no boastful claim, nor making any pretension which will be resisted when I say, that but for the Bishop of Louisiana, Mr. A. O. Harris, a member of this Convention, and myself, the Columbia Female Institute would never have been in existence—that but for my own personal and individual exertions, several years after Mr. Smith's administration had been going on, it must have been utterly and hopelessly ruined by the load of debt which was pressing it to inevitable destruction. For five or six years I labored incessantly, sometimes being absent six months at a time from my home and family, in my efforts to raise funds for its relief. The exertions I made to secure its patronage—the time and labour bestowed in teaching, lecturing and correspondence, to promote its patronage, are not to be estimated, as they certainly are not appreciated, by those who have nearly consummated the ruin of the school. I have worked hard, and worked long, without hope of fee or reward, other than the humble expectation of being serviceable to the people among whom Providence had cast my lot. And now to have injustice added to ingratitude—and insult heaped upon injury, is more than I feel disposed to bear, without making my solemn protest against it, in the fear of God, and before the only tribunal on which rests the

responsibility of upholding the discipline of the Church, and before those to whom my reputation as their Bishop is dear and valuable. For our offending brother, I feel no other sentiment than that of heartfelt pity and undissembled compassion. I would bespeak for him here sympathy, and not only that, but your prayers, Brethren, that he may recover from the pit into which he has fallen—that he may be forgiven both of God and man, and regain the position of confidence which he once occupied, so that his mouth may be filled with praise, and his tongue sing with joyfulness.

But once more, when the Institute was just about to come under the hammer, and there was no hand put forth for its help among all those whose names are now brought before the public as the friends of female education in Columbia, relief was obtained from the members of the Church beyond the limits of this diocese. In all the principal cities east of the mountains, contributions were made for this object, and assurances given that the funds so contributed should be faithfully applied to promote the cause of female education, under the control and direction of the Church. They were applied to extinguish the debt pressing upon the Institute, leaving a small sum to be liquidated. The arrangement entered into with the late Rector was made with a view to this object, and the Institute was leased to him for a term of years at a rent *per annum* of less than one half of six *percent.* on the cost of the property or the amount invested. The course of the Board towards the Rector, has always been marked, I have no hesitation in saying, with the greatest liberality. Its objects and aims never contemplated aught else than the advancement of sound learning, and the inculcation of genuine piety. Late events have led to the termination of the arrangement made with the Rector in January, 1847, by which his lease was to end in 1856, and by an article of agreement entered into on the 26th April last, between the Board of Trustees, and F. G. Smith, wife and Trustee, the Institute buildings, and property, are to be surrendered into the hands of the Board on the 1st day of July next.

It will be the object of the Board of Trustees to provide a Rector to re-open the school on the 1st of next September, and under such guards, as, it is hoped, will effectually secure it against the recurrence of the difficulties which have heretofore proved to be so fruitful a source of trouble in the management of its concerns; and under such regulations as will probably ensure the attainment of the great objects contemplated by its founders and friends. Disastrous as may be the effects of late events, in causing the withdrawal of public patronage, and

gloomy as may appear the prospects for its future usefulness, the history of its late troubles ought to inspire the public with full confidence in the determination of those who have the management of its affairs to guard with vestal vigilance the purity of its character, and to be influenced in the discharge of their lawful and bounden duties, by no array of opposition, and by no sudden ebullition of popular feeling, whether it spring from good intentions, from honest ignorance, unfounded prejudice, or selfish motives. I trust that there will be felt by the members of the Church, in and out of the diocese, an interest in its future welfare, correspondent with its importance as an efficient agent in the cause of Christian education. I bespeak their co-operation in the full confidence that it will not be withheld. In the late troubles of the Institute, only one member of the Church was found to sign his name to a publication, which by implication, at least, condemns the official conduct of his Bishop.

The state of my health for several years, in connection with other pressing claims of duty, have put it beyond my power to propose, and with the Board of Trustees, to perfect any plans for the establishment of the Male School or College, for which we have a charter. I am still making efforts, as opportunities serve, to collect funds for the object, and small sums are occasionally given. Whatever amount we have on hand in money contributed, is on loan, at interest, with good security. This was thought to be the best disposition to make of it, until called for in making improvements. Measures have been taken within a few days past to enclose the ten-acre lot we own, by the construction of a good, substantial fence. All enterprises of this sort must, in our circumstances, be carried on very cautiously and prudently, and therefore very slowly. Ours is of too much importance to the best interests of the diocese, especially in coming years, when population and improvements shall increase, to justify any thought of abandonment without far greater discouragements than any we have yet experienced. The University of Halle, in Germany, now of world-wide fame, had not so much to begin with as we have. Let us trust in God and take courage, knowing that "the silver and gold are His," and that it is "nothing to Him to help with many or with few."

I should have taken pleasure in giving some account of my visit, last summer, to England, and have detained you by some observations respecting the condition of our Mother Church. But I have already trespassed so long on your patient attention, that I must abridge as much as possible what I had intended to say.

All that I heard and saw tended to impress on my mind most forcibly this idea, that our responsibility in this country as ministers was very greatly increased, by the advantage enjoyed by us, in being entirely disconnected from the State. We can here exercise discipline according to such rules as the Bishops, Presbyters and Laity may establish in the General and State Conventions. The case is widely different there, where the Church is not even allowed by the Government to pass laws for regulating its concerns and the conduct of its members.

I must be allowed to add, that I was very favorably impressed with the evidences of piety which I saw among the clergy and people, and particularly with the plain, simple character of the preaching which I heard. There was no effort at display whatever, no attempts to be eloquent, which we so often witness in this country; but there was evidently an earnest desire and effort to be instructive, and to influence by the force of truth. I was also much gratified by the kind and cordial manner, to say the least, in which I was received and even welcomed by the Clergy wherever I was known. Nay, they seemed forward to acknowledge me in my official character as a Bishop of the Church, and on all occasions, when I was known to be present, I was invariably invited to take such parts in the celebration of worship as usually pertain by law and custom to the chief pastor. I think it not out of place to make these remarks here, because I know there are not wanting persons in this country to report and industriously to circulate the idea that our Bishops and Clergy are not acknowledged by the Church of England. I know this to be erroneous. I was myself invited to officiate on the occasion of the celebration of the 3rd Jubilee of the Venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts—was present with the Bishops of the Church of England, and of Scotland, and of the Colonies, at the opening services at Westminster Abbey, and assisted the Bishop of London, on that occasion, in the Administration of the Holy Communion. Moreover, I was invited, in a way which I felt to be kind, and if you choose, complimentary to our Church, to preach on the occasion of the Jubilee, for which service performed I received a letter from the Archbishop of Canterbury, conveying a vote of thanks by the Society.

If any additional testimony were wanting to show the readiness of the authorities of the Church of England to draw closer the bonds of union and intercommunion with the younger sister in this country, the Protestant Episcopal Church, it will be found in the late invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury, to send a delegation to attend, as repre-

sentatives of our Church, the closing services of the Jubilee year, on the 15th June next. The same proof might be exhibited in many other things which I have it abundantly in my power to name, if it were necessary. I will detain you no longer than to remark, that as the following letter, addressed to the Bishop of Oxford, may, in some sort, be considered an official act, I deem it proper to mention it here, and to append it to this Address, that it may become matter of record, and be filed with the authentic papers of the diocese.—[See Appendix E.]

Commanding you to the guidance of the Spirit of all Grace in your present deliberations and duties, I remain your faithful friend and affectionate Pastor.

JAMES H. OTEY.

Nashville, May 6, 1852.

P. S. Since the foregoing was written, I have received a letter from the Right Rev. Bishop Elliott, of Georgia, who very kindly visited the congregations of East Tennessee, and confirmed six persons in St. John's Church, Knoxville, besides performing other services in a very acceptable manner, by preaching and baptizing.

April 7, 1852.

JAS. H. OTEY.

The Convention adjourned till 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, May 7, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention assembled, and the roll was called. The minutes of the last proceedings were read, amended, and approved.

Mr. William B. Reese, Jr. appeared and took his seat.

On motion, the Bishop's Address and the Parochial Reports were referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was taken up, and the second amendment of Article IV. of the Constitution, striking out, in the fifth line, the words "of youth," and inserting the following words, "*in incorporated institutions, and such as are recognized by the Convention, or by the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese,*" was adopted and duly ratified.

On motion, *Resolved*, That such of the Clergy as have prepared Historical Statements of their several parishes, be requested to place them on the Secretary's table, to be at the disposal of the Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Tomes presented a Sketch of the History of Christ Church, Nashville, which was read.

On motion, *Resolved*, That these Historical Sketches be placed in the keeping of the Corresponding Member of the Historical Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church, to be at the disposal of the Bishop.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the cordial thanks of this Convention be, and are hereby presented to the Rt. Rev. the Bishops of Georgia and Mississippi, for the Episcopal visitations which they severally made to this Diocese during the absence of our own Bishop in Europe.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the balance of money contributed by the several parishes, for defraying the travelling expenses of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Green, and by him returned, be and is hereby appropriated to Diocesan Missions.

On motion, The Convention proceeded to ballot for the Standing Committee, and the following persons were duly elected:—

The Rev. Charles Tomes,	F. B. Fogg,
“ “ E. H. Cressey, D.D.	J. Shelby, M.D.
“ “ J. W. Rogers,	

The Convention then took a recess till 3 o'clock this evening.

FRIDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled, and proceeded to ballot for Delegates to the General Convention, and the following persons were chosen:

The Rev. D. C. Page, D.D.,	F. B. Fogg,
“ “ E. H. Cressey, D.D.,	L. J. Polk,
“ “ J. W. McCullough, D.D.,	S. Oldham,
“ “ Charles Tomes,	G. W. Polk.

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and the following elections were made:

MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The Rev. E. H. Cressey, D.D.,	L. J. Polk,
“ “ Chas. Tomes,	Dr. W. J. Polk.

TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPATE FUND.

F. B. Fogg,	M. Watson.
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TRUSTEES OF THE PENSION FUND.

The Rev. D. C. Page, D.D.,	J. Shelby, M. D.,
“ “ J. W. McCullough, D.D.,	M. Watson.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the next Annual Convention of the Church in this Diocese, be held in St. James Church, Bolivar, on the 3rd Wednesday in May, 1853.

The following persons were appointed a

COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENTS.

The Rev. Dr. McCullough,	Messrs. Fogg,
" " Mr. Steel,	" Long,
" " Wheelock,	" Harris,
" " Sandels,	" Baird,
" " Fagg,	" Reese,
	" Shackleford,
	" Brandon

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee of three, to be composed of the Rev. Dr. McCullough, the Rev. Mr. Humes, and Mr. McNeal be appointed to enquire and report to this Convention to-morrow morning, in what relation the Columbia Female Institute stands to the Church in this Diocese, and what control this Convention has over the property and concerns of said Institute.

The Convention then adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, May 8, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention assembled. The minutes of the preceding day's sessions were read and approved.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Pension Fund was presented, and ordered to be printed in the Journal.—[See Appendix F.]

The Convention took a recess of ten minutes, to enable the Committee on Assessments to prepare their report.

The Convention being called to order, the Committee on Assessments reported a schedule for the current year, which was amended and adopted as follows:

Churches.	For the Episcopate.	For the Contingent Fund.
Christ Church, Nashville,	\$300	\$30
Calvary Church, Memphis.	350	35
St. Peter's Church, Columbia,	100	10
St. John's Church, Maury county,	90	10
Trinity Church, Clarksville,	60	10
Immanuel Church, La Grange,	25	5

St. Luke's Church, Jackson,	60	10
St. John's Church, Knoxville,	70	10
St. James' Church, Bolivar,	30	10
Trinity Church, Tipton county, and		
St. Thomas Church, Somerville,	20	5
St. Paul's Church, Randolph,	20	5
St. James' Church, Greenville,	25	5
St. Paul's Church, Franklin,	20	5
Zion Church, Brownsville,	25	5
Church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville,	20	
Church at the mouth of the Tellico,	20	5

Resolved, That the Treasurer be requested to report to this Convention, the state of his accounts up to the close of the session with a statement of arrearages, as far as can be ascertained, and that he send this statement to the Treasurer of each Parish.—(See Appendix D.)

Leave was granted to the Committee appointed under a resolution, passed in yesterday's session, in reference to the Columbia Female Institute, to withhold their report, in order to gain further information, till 4 o'clock this evening.

The Convention took a recess till 3 o'clock this evening.

SATURDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled. The Committee on the State of the Church made a report, which was ordered to be appended to the Journal.—(See Appendix G.)

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Secretary have printed not less than 350, nor more than 500 copies of the Journal with the usual Appendix.

The Parochial Reports were then read.

The Rev. Dr. McCullough, in behalf of the Committee, made a report which was amended, and adopted as follows:

R E P O R T.

The Committee appointed to enquire into and report to the Convention what relation this Convention, or the Church in this Diocese, holds to the Columbia Female Institute, submit the following statement, as the result of their investigation:

While it was distinctly understood by all the contributors to its funds from the first, that this Institution was to be conducted in

accordance with the doctrine, order, and ritual of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and in subserviency to its interests, the Charter is of a general character. The Board of Trustees is vested with the power of perpetuation forever, by filling from time to time such vacancies as may occur. While the Trustees have, from the first, been either communicants or friends of the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Convention has never had any authority or legal right to fill vacancies, or to control the action of the Board; and, therefore, cannot justly be held accountable for any mismanagement or delinquencies which have occurred, or may hereafter occur, either in its internal government, or the course of instruction, or the intercourse between the teachers and the pupils.

The property of this Institution is entirely in the hands of the Board of Trustees, for the furtherance of the object contemplated in the Charter, as a Seminary for the education of young females.

The Journal was then read and approved, and after singing and prayers, and the benediction of the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

Attest,
E. H. CRESSEY, D.D. Sec'y.

JAS. H. OTEY, D.D.,
Bishop and President.

APPENDIX.

(A)

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with a form of prayer.
2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.
3. No member shall absent himself from the business of the House, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.
4. Every member speaking in debate shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall respectfully address the President, confining his observations strictly to the point in debate.
5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without permission from the President.
6. A question being once determined, shall not again be brought before the House, unless on a motion for reconsideration made by one of the majority.
7. No motion shall be considered as before the House, unless it be seconded; and reduced to writing, when required.
8. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken immediately, and without debate.

B

Philadelphia, January, 1852.

The Rev. E. H. CRESSEY, D. D.

Secretary of the Convention of the Diocese of Tennessee.

My Dear Sir:—As Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention of 1850; I send you the following Copy of a Proposed Amendment of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church, which I hereby certify to be a true Transcript from the Journal of the Convention aforesaid, and request you to lay it before the Convention of which you are Secretary. It was proposed and approved in both Houses of the late General Convention, and will come up for ratification at the Session in 1853.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

M. A. DE WOLFE HOWE.

Proposed amendment of Article V. of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, as agreed upon in the General Convention, 1850.

[See Journal, pp. 72, 83, 85.]

RESOLVED, The House of Bishops concurring, that it is expedient to amend

the Constitution, by substituting for the Fifth Article of the Constitution, the following Article:

ARTICLE V.—A Protestant Episcopal Church in any of the United States, or any Territory thereof, not now represented, may, at any time hereafter, be admitted on acceding to this Constitution; and a new Diocese to be formed from one or more existing Dioceses, may be admitted under the following restrictions:

No new Diocese shall be formed, or erected within the limits of any other Diocese, nor shall any Diocese be formed by the junction of two or more Dioceses, or parts of Dioceses, unless with the consent of the Bishop and Convention of each Diocese concerned, as well as of the General Convention.

In case one Diocese shall be divided into two Dioceses, the Diocesan of the Diocese divided may elect the one to which he will be attached, and shall thereupon become the Diocesan thereof. And the assistant Bishop, if there be one, may elect the one to which he will be attached; and if it be not the one elected by the Bishop, he shall be the Diocesan thereof.

Whenever the division of the Diocese into two Dioceses shall be ratified by the General Convention, each of the two Dioceses shall be subject to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese so divided, except as local circumstances may prevent, until the same may be altered in either Diocese by the Convention thereof. And whenever a Diocese shall be formed out of two or more existing Dioceses, the new Diocese shall be subject to the Constitution and Canons of that one of the said existing Dioceses to which the greater number of Clergymen shall have belonged prior to the erection of such new Diocese, until the same may be altered by the Convention of the new Diocese.

RESOLVED, That the House of Bishops concurring, the above amendment be made known to the several Diocesan Conventions.

[C)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

Of the Diocese of Tennessee, to the Annual Convention of the Diocese, held in Nashville, May, 1852.

- 1852. July. Canonical consent given to the Consecration of the Rev. John Williams, D. D., as Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Connecticut.
- “ October. Canonical consent granted to the Consecration of the Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, D. D., as Assistant Bishop of Illinois.
- “ Also, To the Consecration of the Rev. Wm. Creighton, D. D., as Provisional Bishop of New York.
- “ November 10. Notice was given to the Standing Committee, (the Bishop of the Diocese being absent,) of the Organization of the Church of the Holy Trinity, in South Nashville. The consent of the Standing Committee has been given to the same.

CHARLES TOMES, *Pres. and Sec.*

(D.)

F. G. ROCHE, Treasurer,

	In account with Diocese of Tennessee:	Dr.
1851, July 7. To amount received of St. Peter's Church,		
for arrearages	\$100 00	
1852, Jan. 12. To amount received of St. Luke's, Jackson.....	50 00	
Cr.		<u>150 00</u>
1852, July 7. By Mrs. Otey's receipt	100 00	
1852, July 12. Amount to credit of Bishop Otey in Bank of		
Tennessee	50 00	
		<u>150 00</u>

F. G. ROCHE, Tr.

Columbia, April 30th, 1852.

F. G. ROCHE, Treasurer,

	In account with Contingent Fund:	Dr.
1851, July 16. To amount received of Rev. E. H. Cressey.....	\$83 70	
" " " " St. Peter's Church.....	10 00	
Cr.		<u>93 70</u>
To E. H. Cressey, Secretary, order,.....	60 98	
" " " " " "	40 50	
		<u>101 48</u>
		<u>Due Treasurer, 7 78</u>

April 30th, 1852.

F. G. ROCHE, Treasurer.

The undersigned having examined the above accounts, and compared them with the vouchers, find them correct.

JOHN BAIRD, } Auditing
A. O. HARRIS, } Committee.

Nashville, May 6th, 1852.

The following statement of the present Treasurer, bringing the account up to the close of the Convention, is appended:

	For the	For Contingent Fund
	Episcopate.	Fund.
Received from St. John's Church, Knoxville	\$60 00	5 00
St. Luke's Church Jackson	10 00	
Christ Church, Nashville	300 00	25 00
St. Peter's Church, Columbia, in part	100 00	10 00
Trinity Church, Clarksville,	50 00	5 00
St. James' Church, Bolivar,	30 00	5 00
Immanuel Church, La Grange,	25 00	5 00
St. John's Church, Maury Co.,	90 00	10 00
Calvary Church, Memphis,	300 00	25 00

(E.)

To the Ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Tennessee.

MY DEAR BRETHREN:—Just on the eve of embarkation for a foreign land, and realizing the uncertainty of life and all its concerns, and the not improbable termination of the interesting relations which have so long subsisted between us, I feel my heart drawn towards you with deep and affectionate interest, and would embrace the opportunity which a few moments furnish, to convey to you the expression of my love, my abiding solicitude for your usefulness in your work, my parting counsels, the assurance of my prayers and my blessing. A temporary separation is painful; for our interests, our hopes and our joys in the prosecution of our common work have been one and the same. But in this separation how much more painful the thought, that we may never again meet in this world, to take sweet counsel together and unite our efforts as we have so often done, to forward the interests of Christ's cause and Church in the world. Such a thought at such a moment as this leads me to ask, how faithful have I been in aiding, exhorting and warning each one of you in his proper work? Would that I could, with the consciousness of many infirmities and imperfections, now appropriate the language of the blessed Apostle, and say, "I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God." But far short as I may have fallen in discharging the full measure of my duty in this respect, I feel assured that you will bear testimony to the fidelity with which I have always urged and exhorted you to build upon the one only foundation held forth by the Church to the hope of sinners—that is "Christ crucified"—"Christ the wisdom of God and the power of God"—Christ "who of God is made unto us wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption." Herein is every want of the poor helpless sinner fully met and satisfied. Here is life for the dead—wisdom for the ignorant—power for the weak—pardon for the guilty—sanctification for the polluted—and salvation for the lost. Still, Brethren, stand firmly on this foundation and build up the Spiritual Temple upon it, feeling assured that no winds or waves can undermine or beat it down! Teach your people that "the blood of Christ Jesus cleanseth us from all sin;" that the offering of Jesus Christ once upon the cross is that perfect oblation, satisfaction and sacrifice for the sins of the whole world, both actual and original; and that there is no other sacrifice for sin but that alone—that by his one oblation of himself, once offered, he hath made a full, perfect and sufficient oblation, propitiation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world—that by virtue of his mediation he hath restored all mankind to a capacity for salvation and to acceptable terms of obedience, and that all are now invited to come to Him that they may have life—to enter into covenant with him through the appointments of his Church, that they may gain the mighty help of the Holy Ghost, the Sanctifier, to purify their hearts by faith—renew them in the temper of

their minds, and fit and qualify them through a course of moral discipline for the enjoyment of a blessed immortality. Never, I beseech you, dear brethren, lose sight of these great central truths of our holy religion. However circumstances may render it occasionally proper to discuss collateral subjects, growing out of the relations of life, or the duties of charity to fellow-men at home or abroad, we must return again to that which is the great subject of all profitable preaching—Christ, the glory of Israel and the light of the Gentiles.

Be gentle towards all men. In your addresses to your fellow-men, put on bowels of mercies, and persuade sinners to come to Christ. Tell them of his mercy, his tenderness and love—how he will not “break the bruised reed nor quench the smoking flax,” and how blessed a thing to have the Lord for our God. Be very watchful over your flocks—show all compassion and kindness for them, and when need compels you to use reproof, let it be done with the Spirit of Christ—let your manner show how painful it is to use the authority with which the great Head of the Church hath invested you for edification, and not unto destruction.

I need not exhort you, brethren, to love one another; for this ye do fervently and under many afflictions this one thing has been to my heart a cordial in sorrow and a support in trial. Finally, brethren, pray for me, and ask your people to pray for me, that I may be restored to you, if it be God’s good will and pleasure, and above all, that I may be kept by the power and grace of God nChrist Jesus from sin unto salvation !

Your affectionate pastor, and faithful friend,

JAS. H. OTEY,

New York, April 10, 1851.

Bishop of Tennessee.

ADDERDON PALACE, WHEAKLY, OXFORD Jan 25, 1851.

RIGHT REVEREND BROTHER:—I herewith transmit to you a copy of a Protest, solemnly adopted by us, the Bishop and Clergy of this Diocese, Synodically gathered in our Cathedral City of Oxford, on the 22d day of November, 1850, against the late usurpation of the Bishop of Rome, whereby he assumes the right and power of dividing the territories of this ancient Church and nation into new Provinces and Sees, and thrusts new Bishops into them.

Our Protest has been deposited, in *perpetuum memoriam* in the archives of the Diocese, and at the request of the assembled Clergy, as well as by my own desire, I now forward a copy of it to you, and to all others of my most Reverend, and Right Reverend Brethren, the Archbishops and Bishops of Sees in recognized communion with this See: and that you may know how far this Protest expresses the opinions of the Clergy of this Diocese, I now subjoin the following statement of our numbers and our signatures.

The Diocese of Oxford contains at this time about 591 Benefices with care of souls, which are served by 547 Incumbents, who are assisted by 261 Curates. Of this total number about 40 incumbents must be left out of calcula-

tion, as being prevented from taking part in such an act by insanity, extreme sickness, absence, age, or other ascertained causes.

There remain 507 incumbents: Of these 393 have signed the Protest; 43 have declined to sign it, and have stated to me their "reasons," which are such as these:

1. That in it, this act of the Roman See is protested against as schismatical, and not as "Anti-Christian."
2. That to embody, as it does, all the doctrinal protests of the English Articles is an insufficient protest against the corrupt doctrines and idolatrous practices of Rome.
3. That the English Church is in it declared to possess a succession of orders from the Apostles.
4. That the Protest does not contain sufficient Scriptural or doctrinal teaching to instruct ignorant Protestants.
5. Because it does not set forth corruptions and divisions which exist amongst ourselves.
6. Because it claims as on our side the judgement of the Holy Church Universal.

Adding, then, the 43 who, for some or all of these "reasons," have declined to sign; and subtract those before mentioned as incapacitated, there remain unaccounted for from the whole Diocese 71 Incumbents. The Protest has been signed by 242 Curates and other Clergymen, resident and officiating in the Diocese, in all by 632 Clergymen. Eighteen Curates have not signed, for the reasons above referred to. Since the Protest was adopted and made public, a large number of Lay communicants and other Laymen, have subscribed and are subscribing their assent and consent to the Protest of the Clergy.

For this our solemn Protest then, Right Reverend Brother, on behalf of the Clergy and subscribing Laity, of this Diocese, and on my own behalf, I heartily desire your approval and concurrence; and praying God, even our Father, for Christ's sake to have you evermore in His Holy keeping, I remain,

Your faithful Friend and Servant in the Lord,

S. OXON.

To the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Tenn.

PROTEST.

In the name of God—Amen.

We, Samuel, by Divine permission, Bishop of the Diocese of Oxford, with the undersigned Priests and Deacons, being assembled under the protection of Almighty God in our Cathedral City of Oxford, on this twenty-second day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty,—Do hereby, in the presence of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and before the whole Church, make this our solemn Protest and Declaration.

Whereas we have seen or heard that the Bishop of Rome has pretended to divide this ancient Church and Realm of England into certain new Dioceses,

and to appoint over them certain Bishops, to whom he, the said Bishop of Rome, pretends to commit the cure and government of the souls of all Christian people therein dwelling, contrary to the rights of this Church, and the ancient laws of this realm;—Now we, the said Bishop, Priests, and Deacons, whose names are hereunto subscribed, do utterly protest against any such invasion of this Church and Realm; and we do declare that the Church recognized by law in this land is the ancient Apostolic Church thereof, possessing the ancient faith, true Sacraments, and a lawful ministry; and that her Bishops and Clergy are the Bishops and Clergy thereof, by unbroken descent from the Holy Apostles; and that the Missionaries of the Bishop of Rome within this land, who are striving to withdraw the people from the Communion of the English Church, are intrusive and schismatical; and we protest before God and His Church against these schismatical claims and proceedings, as also against their doctrine and teaching, as being, on many points of faith and practice, contrary to God's Word and the teaching of the Universal Church; all which are more especially declared in the Articles of our said Church of England. And we do declare that we believe that this our protest would be approved, and the schismatical acts and corrupt doctrine and idolatrous practices maintained by the Bishop of Rome would be condemned, by the judgment of the Universal Church, if it were possible that such judgment should be now by any means collected: and we declare that the Church of England did, at the Reformation, make, and hath now for 300 years continued, its protest against the claim of the said Bishop of Rome to exercise jurisdiction over the Church Universal, and over this Church of England in particular: and also against the false Doctrine of the said Church of Rome, and that we do now renew and continue the same protest.

And we do solemnly warn all Christian people committed to our charge, that they yield no obedience to the so-called Bishops now thrust into our land, under pain of incurring all the guilt of wilful schism.

GREAT MALVERN, July 7, 1851.

To THE LORD BISHOP OF OXFORD:

Right Rev. and Dear Sir:—I have to-day received your Circular Letter and Protest, under date of January 25, 1851, addressed "to all the Arch-Bishops and Bishops of Sees in recognized communion with the See of Oxford," against "the schismatical acts, corrupt doctrine, and idolatrous practices maintained by the Bishop of Rome," and more especially against those lately attempted to be introduced by him into this country, in derogation of the rights of the Church, and contrary to the laws of the realm of England, by the establishment of an hierarchy assuming the cure and government of the souls of all Christian people dwelling therein."

Most heartily approving your declaration of the rights of the Church of England, as these have been maintained by her Bishops, other Clergy and members, from Apostolic and primitive times; and of the pure doctrine of Christ as

therein held by the same, and re-asserted and established by lawful authority at the era of the Reformation, I wish hereby, to express and record my approval of the declaration made by yourself and the Clergy of your Diocese, touching the faith, sacraments and ministry of the said Church of England, and my hearty concurrence in the Protest set forth and signed by yourself, the Clergy and Laity of your Diocese, in opposition to all assumptions, claims or pretensions on the part of the Bishop of Rome to exercise spiritual jurisdiction over the Church of England, or any branch of the Catholic church in communion therewith.

And Whereas, the Right Rev. Wm. Rollinson Whittingham, D.D., Bishop of Maryland, the Right Rev. Carlton Chase, D.D. Bishop of New Hampshire; the Right Rev. George Upfold, D.D. Bishop of Indiana, and the Right Rev. Wm. Mercer Green, D.D. Bishop of Mississippi, have by letters of their own proper hand and signature, empowered me, the undersigned, "to represent" them, "in set council, convocation, or convention assembled, or privately and confidentially" and to declare their "minds in all matters pertaining to the welfare and advancement of the Church of God, and the maintenance and extension of the communion of the Saints on earth, therefore, I, the undersigned do request, in behalf of himself and the aforesaid Bishops of the American Church that the above approval of and concurrence in the Protest of the Right Rev'd. the Lord Bishop of Oxford, and of the Clergy and Laity signing it, may be taken as expressive of our sense of their aforesaid Protest, and be admitted to file among the authentic records of the Diocese or See of Oxford, to serve as a testimony, to future generations, if need so require, of our readiness to resist all encroachments upon the rights and liberties of Christian people, and of our opposition to all attempts to "Lord it over God's heritage."

Beseeching Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, through his Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to have you and the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath called you to watch, in His holy keeping, and to preserve you to His heavenly and everlasting kingdom,

I remain your faithful friend and affectionate brother,

JAS. H. OTEY,
Bishop of Tennessee.

Signed also by me in behalf of

Right Rev. Wm. Rollinson Whittingham, D.D. Bishop of Maryland,

" " Carlton Chase, D.D. Bishop of New Hampshire,

" " George Upfold, D.D. Bishop of Indiana,

" " Wm. Mercer Green, D.D. Bishop of Mississippi.

46, GREAT ORMOND STREET, LONDON, May 26, 1851.

To HIS GRACE THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY,

RIGHT REV. AND DEAR BROTHER:—Having left home for this country early in March last, it was not until last Saturday that I received a copy of your letter addressed to the American Bishops, announcing the proposed celebration

of the Third Jubilee of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. The Annual Convention of Clergy and lay representatives of the Church in my diocese was to assemble early in the present month, and, knowing the deep interest which is felt by my brethren in America in the objects and success of the venerable Society, I feel assured that the Clergy and people of my charge have already adopted measures, in response to your letter, which in my absence was laid before them, testifying their cordial sympathy with the Society in its labors, and offering united and hearty prayers to our heavenly Father, for its continued and extended usefulness.

The object proposed by your Grace is a most worthy one, and such as must commend itself to every Christian heart. Relying in the simplicity of faith upon the promise of our blessed Lord to his disciples, "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it," we may humbly hope that the union of so many hearts and voices in thanksgiving and prayer, throughout the Christian world, on the approaching Jubilee of the Society, will not only present a sublime spectacle to the contemplation of men, moving them to inquire what their part and duty may be, in the great work of spreading abroad the knowledge of true religion, but will likewise meet the approval of a gracious God, in the bestowal of his abundant blessing.

Not only is the object proposed a worthy one—the time appointed for the celebration is propitious. Peace reigns throughout the world, the blessings of peace are richly enjoyed, and the arts of peace are in the highest state of improvement. The ensigns of British power, too, float all around the habitable world, and flutter in every breeze, assuring countenance and protection to every enterprise of Christian benevolence. As the sun never sets upon the dominions of Britain's Queen, so he never ceases, in his course, to shine upon the labors of the Missionaries of England's Church; and the most glorious consummation of the work to which Divine Providence seems to have destined her, will be, that her children stand foremost in the ranks of those who are striving to make "the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ."

Your Grace will accept as an apology for obtruding these remarks upon your attention, the absorbing interest which I feel in the Missionary work—an interest inspired and deepened by the labors and toils of five-and-twenty of the best years of my life. My Diocese, being one of the New States, has never derived any direct assistance from the venerable Society, as did the Church in some of the older States of our confederacy. But my sphere of labor has always been, and is now Missionary in its character. I know what the Missionary life is from actual experience; and I may add, that I know somewhat of its toils and hardships, from observation and from intercourse with the men engaged in this work; and my testimony is, be its worth what it may, that if there be a class of laborers in the cause of Christ and the Church, who pre-eminently need and deserve the sympathy, the prayers, and the liberal aid of Christian brethren and friends, they are the Missionaries of the Cross, laboring

among the people who speak the same language with ourselves, and among the heathen in foreign lands.

I am, yours faithfully and affectionately,

In the bonds of a common faith and hope,

JAS. H. OTEY,

Bishop of Tennessee.

(F.)

M. WATSON, *Treasurer*,

In Account with the Pension Fund:

To Balance in hand, as reported to last Convention	\$304 55
1851, Sept. 30. To amount dividend received on four Shares Planters' Bank Stock	10 00
Dec. 31. To amount received from Rev. J. W. M'Cullough, Jackson.....	12 00
1852, April 28. To amount received from Rev. E. H. Cressey, from Trinity Church, Clarksville	5 00
To Dividend on four Shares Planters' Bank Stock..	10 00

	\$341 55

Cr.

1851, June 1. By Cash paid for four Shares Planters' Bank Stock,	290 00
Balance on hand	51 55

And Certificate for \$400 in the Capital Stock of the Planters' Bank of Tennessee.

M. WATSON,

Treasurer Pension Fund.

(G.)

The Reports made to this Convention, by the Rectors of the several Parishes, do not exhibit, in the aggregate, such an extension of the Church, during the last year, as would correspond with the visible progress presented at the Convention of 1851. It will be remembered, however, that for nearly the whole of the twelve months just past, our Bishop has been absent from the Diocese, in order to restore and establish his broken health and strength; and to the want of his constant Episcopal supervision, may be partly attributed whatever unfavorable features the statistics of the Church may show. The fact mentioned may yet be referred to another and the more important reason, that the Clergy and the Congregations entrusted to their keeping, have not been generally visited with the dew of God's heavenly grace, in such measures as they so greatly need, and his faithfulness to the promise of His Spirit encourages his people to expect in answer to believing prayer. The field occupied is a large one. It is large in territory. It is even larger

still in its multitude of immortal souls. To feed this multitude with the bread of life—to give them the cup of salvation to drink, to preach the Gospel to the poor; to lead the prodigal children of our Father in Heaven to the Bishop and Shepherd of their souls in penitence and faith, is indeed a labor of love; but it is plain, that if we do our part and duty towards this work, wisely and well, we must, as a Church, even more devoutly and importunately than ever heretofore, seek of God to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man. "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." Feeble as we are in numbers, feeble as we may be in outward resources, through Christ strengthening us, a rich, spiritual harvest unto life everlasting, will in due season be ready for the reaper. The angels in heaven will rejoice over repenting sinners; and the temple of God, made of lively stones, of His chosen people, will be builded up in faith, and hope, and charity.

And yet there is occasion as well for thankfulness, as for regret in the present State of the Church in the Diocese. There is cause for gratitude in that it has been mercifully preserved of God, and in some respects has increased in vigor, during the absence of its Bishop. There is cause for gratitude, that he has been graciously restored to it, in health and newness of spirit, and that so coming, he finds its Clergy and Laity evincing such a cheerful readiness to co-operate with him and with each other, towards the diffusion and establishment of the kingdom of heaven in the hearts of men. There is cause for gratitude, in that God vouchsafes us to enter with such good hopefulness and courage upon another ecclesiastical year, trusting in Him, through Christ for guidance and support and comfort, and beseeching him for the gift of the Spirit, that wherein we have advanced we may be confirmed, and wherein we have languished we may be revived.

The following table of statistics presents the State of the Church in several important particulars:

Baptisms of Infants	in 13 Congregations	122
" Adults	in 10 "	26
Confirmations	in 9 "	71
Added to the Communion	in 11 "	123
Contributions	in 12 "	\$3,227
Present number of Clergy in the Diocese		15
Clergy resident and laboring in, but not canonically transferred to the Diocese.....		2
Present number of Parishes in the Diocese		17
Congregations not organized as Parishes		4
Present number of Communicants in 15 Parishes		719

THOMAS W. HUMES,
A. O. HARRIS.

(H.)

DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY,In account with E. H. CRESSEY, *Treasurer.*

1851.—To paid the Rev. W. H. Good	\$25	00
" Rev. J. W. Rogers.....	39	00
1852. " Rev. J. W. Rogers	106	00
" W. M. Steel	46	00
" J. A. Wheelock	20	00
May, By Cash in hand.....	307	60
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		\$543 60

1851,	CR.	
May,—By Balance in hand.....	127	00
July,—Rec'd from St. John's Church, Knoxville.....	25	00
Dec. " St. John's Church, Ashwood, Jubilee.....	46	60
" Trinity Church, Clarksville.....	5	00
" St. Luke's Church, Jackson	25	35
" Rose Dale S. S., St. Luke's Parish, Jackson.....	1	15
1852, April " Calvary Church, Memphis.....	100	00
May, " Immanuel Church, La Grange, Jubilee	20	00
" Mrs. Potts, Annual Subscription.....	2	00
" Mrs. Bouchelle "	2	00
" Bishop Green, a balance of money received from several Parishes to pay travelling expenses ..	36	00
" Mr. & Mrs. John Baird, An. Sub.....	4	00
" Rev. John Sandels "	2	00
" Rev. D. Pise "	2	00
" St. James' Church, Bolivar.....	10	00
" Trinity Church, Tipton Co.....	5	00
" Rev. W. M. Steel Annual.....	2	00
" Mrs. Stith "	2	00
" Mrs. S. J. Whitley "	2	00
" Rev. T. W. Humes "	2	00
" Cash.....	1	00
" Mr. & Mrs. A. O. Harris, Annual.....	4	00
" John W. Harris, "	1	00
" Mrs. Judge Maney, "	2	00
" Rev J. W. Rogers, "	2	00
" Mrs. Bishop Otey.....	1	00
" Col. J. F. Jett, Annual.....	2	00
" Bishop Otey, 2 years, "	4	00
" Mrs. Ashe, "	2	00
" Sheppard M. Ashe, "	2	00

Rec'd from Cash.....	2 00
" Rev. Dr. McCullough	2 00
" Collection in Christ Church, Nashville	93 50
" Mrs. Wormley, Annual.....	4 00
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	\$543 60

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, NASHVILLE,

THE REV. CHARLES TAMES, *Rector.*

Baptisms, Infant	7
Adult	1—8
Communicants:—Died	2
Removed	13
Repelled.....	2
Transferred to the Church of the Holy Trinity.....	21
Added	15—Present number 139
Marriages.....	5
Sunday School Teachers.....	9
Burials	7
Children.....	50
Contributed at the Weekly Offertory	\$909 00
Being an average per week of.....	17 48
Appropriated as follows: To Support of Episcopate.....	300 00
Expenses of Bishop Green's Visitation	36 00
Church of the Holy Trinity	76 55
Diocesan Missions in the City of Nashville	100 00
The Poor	53 35
The Sunday School, for Books	6 00
Church Expenses	337 10
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	909 00

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, COLUMBIA.

THE REV. WILLIAM H. GOOD, *Rector.*

The Rector took charge of the Parish the first week in March last. Since that time there have been:—

Confirmations	4
Marriage (by the Bishop)	1
Communicants	50
There were also, Confirmed by Bishop Green.....	4
Baptised " Adult.....	1
Contributions—Support of the Episcopate	\$100 00
Contingent Fund.....	10 00

The Congregation has manifestly increased since the Rector took charge of the Parish, and he is encouraged to hope that there is yet to be seen more abundant fruit, to the praise and glory of God's grace.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, LA GRANGE.

THE REV. WILLIAM FAGG, *Rector.*

Baptisms—Infants	7
Confirmed	9
Communicants:—Former number.....	28
Removed	4
Died.....	1
Added.....	8—31
Marriages	2
Burials	6
Sunday School Teachers.....	8
" " Scholars.....	28
Advent Collection for Diocesan Missions	\$20
Support of Episcopate	25
Contingent Fund.....	5
Monthly Collections at Communion.....	60
Ladies, for the purchase of a Melodeon.....	75
Subscription for finishing the Church.....	164

One half my time has been given to this Parish during the past year:—the other half to a congregation in Mississippi.

TRINITY CHURCH, CLARKSVILLE,

THE REV. DAVID PISE, *Rector.*

Baptisms—Adults	2
Infants	6—8
Confirmed	2
Communicants—Added	9
Died	1
Removed	3—47
Holy Communion, administered publicly, times	11
" " " in private	2
Marriage—Colored	1
Burials.....	7
Public Services, on Sundays.....	85
" on other days.....	102—187
Catechised children, times.....	11
Weekly Offertory—Parochial Expenses and Alms .	\$94 06
Support of Episcopate.....	50 00
Contingent Fund	5 00
Diocesan Missions	5 00
Pension Fund	5 00

Weekly Offertory—Bibles and Prayer Books.....17 75
 Episcopate Fund.....2 00

Trinity School for Girls, partly Parochial in its character, was re-opened in February last, under the direction of the Rev. J. Sandels, and its prospects are more encouraging than they have been for a long time. The present number of pupils is 35.

Mr. Sandels is also doing a good work, by holding stated services on Sunday, at different points in the county. Perhaps it is only by a return to the primitive mode of establishing the Church, first in the large towns, and from there as radiating points, working out, that we can reasonably expect to extend a knowledge and the influence of the Church into the country.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSON.

THE REV. J. W. McCULLOUGH, D.D. *Rector.*

Baptisms, Infant.....	4
Adult (one colored)	11—15
Confirmed	11
Communicants—Former number.....	43
Died	1
Removed	6
Added	9—45
Marriages	3
Burials.....	4
Sunday School Teachers	6
Scholars.....	30
Domestic Missions	\$25 35
Episcopate Fund	12 75
Support of the Episcopate	60 00
Pension Fund	17 00
Contingent Fund	5 00
Offerings for the Poor and Parochial Objects	44 20

The Church has for some time been ready for Consecration, having been finished, and supplied with Bell, Organ and Communion Service, at considerable expense.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, BOLIVAR.

THE REV. L. JANSEN, *Rector.*

Baptisms—Infants.....	4
Communicants	17
Burials	2
Marriages	1
Support of the Episcopate.....	\$30 00
Contingent Fund.....	5 00

CALVARY CHURCH, MEMPHIS.

THE REV. DAVID C. PAGE, D.D. *Rector.*

Baptisms—Adults	4
Infants, White	25
Colored	4—33
Confirmed	25
Marriages	5
Burials.....	19
Communicants	123
To Missions at Cape Palmas	57 00
Domestic Missions	67 00
Weekly Offertory	745 00

Of this sum \$300 has been contributed to the support of the Episcopate, and the balance expended for incidental and charitable uses.

The Rector is happy in being able to report, that the assets of the Church, either now in hand, or to accrue during the current year, will be more than sufficient, it is believed, to extinguish our pecuniary liabilities, and thus a serious obstacle will be removed, to that increase of our means of accommodation, which is so imperatively necessary to meet the wants of the community. In the course of the ensuing twelvemonth a new church edifice, it is trusted, will be built, or the present edifice so much enlarged as to increase considerably the number of sittings, and thus a strong impulse will be given, in this rapidly rising city, to that blessed cause of primitive truth and order which the aspirations and efforts of the true Churchman are ever pointing to. Nor is the spiritual welfare of the parish, it is humbly trusted, out of all proportion to its outward prosperity: and the Rector would fain believe that in assuming an increase in the spiritual and devout interest of the beloved people committed to his charge, he is abundantly warranted by the actual state of the case. May the Apostle's supplication be heard in our behalf:—
'I pray God that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all Judgment.'

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MAURY COUNTY.

THE REV. E. H. CRESSER, D.D. *Rector.*

Number of families belonging to the Congregation	11
Baptisms, Infants, White	4
" Colored	12—16
Confirmed	2
Communicants, Added.....	4
Removed	7
Died	2—52

Burials, White.....	3
Colored	2—5
Contributions, Support of the Episcopate.....	\$90 00
Contingent Fund	10 00
Diocesan Missions.....	46 60

The Parochial School for Girls continues in a prosperous condition, and is meeting the expectations of its founders. Its patronage is sufficiently large, and of a most excellent character. New buildings are erected and in progress, which will enable us to receive a larger number of boarders, and to give additional efficiency to every department of the School.

A large number of the Negroes belonging to the neighboring plantations, have been under religious instruction, to some extent, during the past year. In the summer months there are 50 or 60 colored children belonging to the Sunday School. But the Rector regrets that, so far, in this department of duty, there is but little encouragement. He can only persevere in the conviction that he is responsible only for fidelity in the use of the means, and not for the results.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, KNOXVILLE.

THE REV. THOMAS W. HUMES, *Rector.*

Number of Families	26
Baptisms, Children	9
Adults	3—12
Confirmations	6
Communicants—Former number	58
Added.....	13
Removed	8
Died	1
Suspended	1
Error in former report	1
Present number	60
Marriages	2
Burials	11
Sunday School Teachers	8
Scholars.....	40
Contributions—Support of the Episcopate..	\$60 00
Contingent Fund	5 00
Diocesan Missions	25 00
Foreign Missions	15 00
Domestic Missions	5 00
Bishop White Pr. Book Soc'y	5 00
Knox County Bible Society ..	5 00
Pension Fund.....	7 42

Contributions, Episcopate Fund	11 00
The Poor	16 25
Current and Incid. Expenses	99 15—253 85

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, RANDOLPH.

THE REV. J. A WHEELOCK, <i>Rector and Missionary.</i>	
Baptisms, Adult	1
Infants.....	21—22
Confirmed	1
Burials	9
Communicants.....	46
Contributions, including \$100 from Ravenscroft Chapel	
Rector's Salary	210 00
Repairing Church	200 00—410 00

The Rector and Missionary has officiated at Covington semi-monthly, and administered the Holy Communion once a month. At St. Paul's Church, Randolph, he has officiated in the same way, on alternate Sundays, administered Communion and catechised the children monthly.

TRINITY CHURCH, TIPTON COUNTY.

THE REV. WILLIAM M. STEEL, <i>Rector and Missionary.</i>	
Families	20
Marriages	3
Burials	2
Baptisms, Adult	1
Infants	9—10
Confirmed	7
Communicants, Former number.....	24
Added	10
Removed	2
Died	1—31
Contributions, Diocesan Missions	\$5 00
Communion Offerings.....	15 75
Weekly Offerings	11 15

A Vestry Room has been added to the Church during the past year, principally through the exertions of a very liberal and zealous lady of the Parish. The Vestry are now completing the Church by plastering and painting it.

MISSION AT SOMERVILLE,

THE REV. WILLIAM M. STEEL, <i>Missionary.</i>	
Baptisms, Infant	4

Communicants, former number	14	removed 2....	12
Families			8
Communion Offerings			25 55
Weekly Offerings, (for 2 months)			3 60

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, GREENVILLE,
THE REV. W. P. GAHAGAN, *Minister.*

Families	12
Baptisms, Infants.....	2
Adults	2—4
Marriage	1
Burial	1
Communicants	30
Sunday School Teachers	8
Scholars, White.....	35
" Colored.....	50
Contributions—Offertory.....	\$9 00
For Books	10 00

I came to this Parish about five months ago. Until my arrival the Congregation had been without a Minister, since the departure of the Rev. Mr. Good, in May. The Church, however, had not been suffered to stand closed. The Sunday School was regularly kept up, and services continued by a lay reader. So far as I can perceive, the people in this point are devoted to the Church, and zealous for the cause of its Great Head. We observe the Calendar, and fail not to assemble ourselves together as often as the seasons of Festivals and Fasts call us into the House of Prayer.

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, NASHVILLE.

THE REV. J. W. ROGERS, *Rector.*

The Rector resigned his former charge, St. Paul's, Franklin, on the 1st July last, and in October commenced as Missionary in Nashville, and Assistant Minister in Christ Church. The Parish of the Holy Trinity has been organized.

Families	12
Communicants.....	21

A beautiful Church edifice of stone is being erected.

MISSION IN MONROE COUNTY.

THE REV. JOHN L. GAY, *Missionary.*

I commenced holding services at the Mouth of Tellico, and in the neighborhood, about the 1st of October last. The regular Congregation is small,

but hopes may be indulged that it will be greatly increased, as soon as our Church is built. Materials are being gathered, and the builders are about commencing their work, so that we have a good prospect of having, ere long, an appropriate and beautiful house in which to worship the God of our fathers. We hope to be ready to have the corner stone laid about the first of July.

Number of Communicants	6
Baptisms—Infants, Colored	4
Adults, “	2—6
Burial.....	1
Holy Communion administered, times,	3

I have officiated twice at Athens and at Loudon. There is some ground to be occupied at both these points, and some hopes that, under the blessing of God, the Church may be established and built up, though we cannot now reckon a single communicant at either place.

At Tellico Iron Works, there are two or three of our Communion, but I am sorry to say there seems to be no door open for us there now. Verily it is the “day of small things” here, and yet we do hope that a healthy growth—always slow at first—is beginning to be manifest.

Perhaps grateful mention should be made that God has “provided some better things for us,” in that He “put it into the heart” of some who are no longer with us, “to build the temple of the Lord God of Israel,” and we trust we are this day reaping the benefit of their “good example,” and that their “prayers have been heard,” and their “alms had in remembrance in the sight of God.”

REPORT OF REV. JOHN SANDELS,

On the 1st of December last, I resigned the charge of St. Mark's Church, Williamsport. From that time till the 1st Feb. I held service and preached occasionally in Franklin and Nashville. On the 1st Feb. I took charge of two Missionary Stations in the neighborhood of Clarksville, and of Trinity School in the City of Clarksville.

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS, MAY 1852.

PARISHES AND MISSIONARY STATIONS.	MINISTERS.	Baptisms.		S.Sch.
		Adults.	Infants.	
St. John's, Ashwood	E. H. Cressy, D. D.	16	16	21
St. James', Bolivar	L. Jansen	4	4	2
St. Peter's, Columbia	Wm. H. Good	1	1	8
Trinity, Clarksville	David Rice	2	6	8
St. James', Greenville	W. P. Gahagan	2	4	4
St. Luke's, Jackson	J. W. McCullough, D. D.	11	4	15
St. John's, Knoxville	T. W. Humes	3	0	12
Immanuel, La Grange	William Fager	7	7	9
Calvary, Memphis	D. C. Page, D.D.	4	29	33
Mission, Monroe County	John L. Gray	2	4	6
Christ, Nashville	Charles Tones	1	7	8
Holy Trinity, do.	J. W. Rogers			21
St. Paul's, Randolph	J. A. Wheelock	1	21	22
Mission, Somerville	W. M. Steel	4	4	2
Trinity, Tipton County	W. M. Steel	1	9	10
Total....		28	122	150
		122	150	168
		71	71	77
		24	24	24
		73	73	73
		39	39	39
		233	233	233
		3,504	3,504	3,504
		61	61	61

LIST OF OFFICERS, &c.

The Right Rev. James Hervey Otey, D. D. Bishop,
Residence Columbia.

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The Rev. Charles Tomes, *President and Secretary, Nashville,*
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“ “ J. W. McCullough, D.D. S. Oldham,
“ “ Charles Tomes, G. W. Polk.

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“ “ Charles Tomes, W. J. Polk, M. D.

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SECRETARY OF CONVENTION,

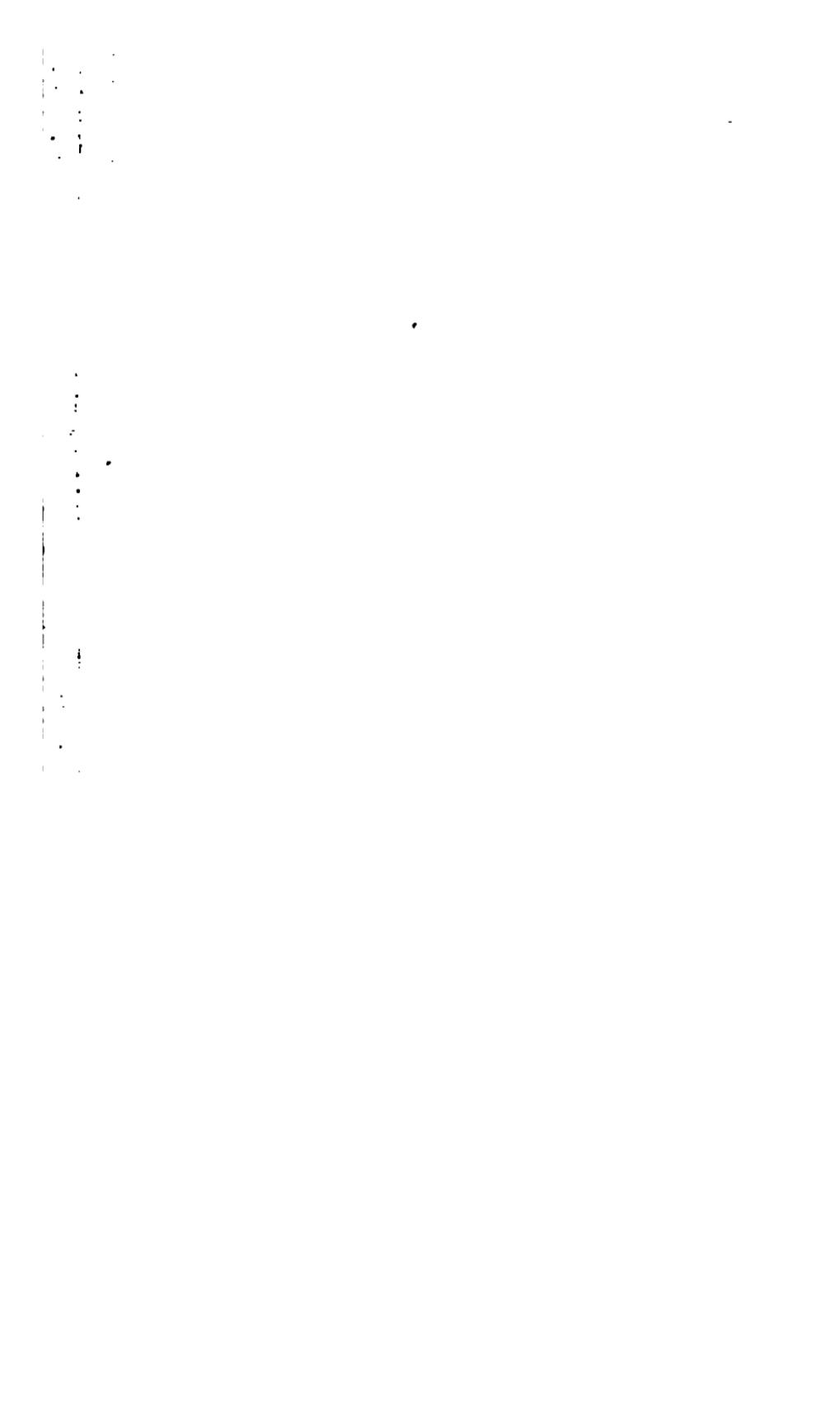
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LIST OF THE CLERGY—1853.

The Rt. Rev. JAMES HERVEY OTEY, D D., Bishop of the Diocese.
Memphis,

The Rev. WILLIAM FAGG,

Rector of Immanuel Church, La Grange.

"	W. P. GAHAGAN,	" St. James "	Greenville.
"	JOHN L. GAY,	<i>Missionary at Tellico-mouth and Loudon.</i>	
"	WILLIAM H. GOOD,	<i>Rector of St. Peter's Church, Columbia.</i>	
"	B. HALSTED,	<i>Missionary at Athens.</i>	
"	THOMAS W. HUMES,	<i>Rector of St. John's Church, Knoxville.</i>	
"	LOUIS JANSEN,	" St. James "	Bolivar.
"	J. W. McCULLOUGH, D. D.	" St. Luke's "	Jackson.
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"	DAVID PISE,	<i>Missionary at Sycamore Mills, Davidson County.</i>	
"	JAMES W. ROGERS,	<i>Rector of Zion Church and Missionary at Brownsville.</i>	
"	JOHN SANDELS,	<i>Missionary at Chattanooga.</i>	
"	WILLIAM M. STEEL,	<i>Rector of Trinity Church, Tipton County, and Missionary at Somerville.</i>	
*	WILLIAM C. STOUT,	<i>Residing at Memphis.</i>	
"	CHARLES TOMES,	<i>Rector of Christ Church, Nashville.</i>	
"	J. A. WHEELOCK,	<i>Rector of St. Matthews Church, Covington and Ravenscroft Chapel.</i>	
"	CHARLES F. COLLINS, (<i>Deacon,</i>)	<i>Minister of St. Mark's Church, Williamsport.</i>	
*	FRANKLIN G. SMITH,	<i>Admitted to the Priesthood on the Sunday following the Convention.</i>	
*	W. H. C. YEAGER,	<i>Suspended, Columbia.</i>	
*		<i>Place of abode unknown.</i>	

* Not entitled to seats in Convention.

LIST OF PARISHES.

Christ Church,	Nashville,	Trinity Church,	Clarksville,
St. Paul's "	Franklin,	St. Luke's "	Jackson,
Immanuel "	La Grange,	Zion "	Brownsville,
St. Paul's "	Randolph,	St. James' "	Bolivar,
Calvary "	Memphis,	St. John's "	Maury County,
St. Mark's "	Williamsport,	Trinity "	Tipton County,
St. John's "	Knoxville,	St. James "	Greenville,
St. Peter's "	Columbia,	Church of the Holy Trinity,	Nashville.



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ST. JAMES' CHURCH, BOLIVAR, }
Wednesday, May 18th, A. D. 1853. }

The Twenty-Fifth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Tennessee, assembled in St. James' Church, Bolivar, on Wednesday, the eighteenth day of May, A.D. 1853, being the place and time appointed by the last Convention.

After Morning Prayer and the Administration of the Holy Communion, the Rt. Rev. James Hervey Otey, D. D. the Bishop of the Diocese, and *ex officio* President of the Convention, caused to be read a list of Clergymen, belonging to the Diocese, and entitled to seats; of whom there were present;—

The Rev. William H. Good, *Rector of St. Peter's Columbia,*
" Louis Jansen, " *St. James', Bolivar,*
" J. W. McCullough, D.D. *St. Luke's, Jackson,*
" David C. Page, D.D. " *Calvary, Memphis,*
" David Pise, *Missionary at Sycamore Mills, Davidson County,*
" Charles Tomes, *Rector of Christ Church, Nashville.*
" Charles F. Collins, *(Deacon) Minister of St. Mark's, Williamsport.*

The certificates of Lay Delegates were presented, and referred to the Rev. Dr. McCullough and the Rev. Mr. Good, who reported the following as duly appointed, viz:

Christ Church, Nashville, Francis B. Fogg,
Thomas Maney,
James B. Craighead.

<i>Church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville,</i>	J. L. Rice, Henry Maney, G. G. Brandon.
<i>St. Peter's Church, Columbia,</i>	William H. Hardin, Dr. William J. Polk.
<i>Calvary Church, Memphis,</i>	A. O. Harris, William Armour, John F. Jett.
<i>St. James' Church, Bolivar,</i>	Pitser Miller, J. H. Bills, D. J. Wells.

The list being called, the following answered to their names, and took their seats.

William H. Hardin,	Pitser Miller,
A. O. Harris,	J. H. Bills,
William Armour,	D. J. Wells,
John F. Jett.	

The Convention then balloted for Secretary, and the Rev. D. Pise was duly elected.

The President then declared the Convention duly organized.

Mr. A. O. Harris was elected Treasurer of the Diocese, the vote by ballot being dispensed with.

On motion, the Rules of order of the last Convention were adopted for the government of this. See Appendix A.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Clergymen of the Diocese not entitled to seats in the Convention, Clergymen present from other Dioceses, Clergymen present belonging to the Church of England, and Candidates for Holy Orders, be invited to take seats in this Convention.

The Convention then adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

THURSDAY, May 19th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention assembled in St. James' Church, the Bishop in the chair. The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Rev. Mr. Rogers appeared and took his seat.

Messrs. James Caruthers, James L. Talbott, William H. Stephens, of St. Luke's Church, Jackson; Dr. Samuel Oldham, Sheppard M. Ashe, of Zion's Church, Brownsville; Joseph A. Green, G. L. Taylor, J. I. Sherrod, of Trinity Church, Tipton County, were added to the list of Delegates, all of whom were present except Messrs. Ashe, Green and Taylor.

On motion, the Rev. J. W. Rogers and Mr. W. H. Hardin were appointed a Committee on Unfinished Business.

On motion, the Rev. Dr. Page, the Rev. David Pise, and Dr. Samuel Oldham were appointed a Committee on the State of the Church.

The Report of the Standing Committee was then read, and ordered to be appended to the Journal. *Appendix B.*

On motion, it was resolved to proceed to the election of Missionary and Education Committee; whereupon were elected

Rev. Dr. Page,	Mr. A. O. Harris,
Rev. Mr. Stout,	Mr. John F. Jett.

On motion, the following gentlemen were appointed a Committee on Assessments:

Rev. Mr. Pise,	Mr. Armour,
" Mr. Tomes,	" Hardin,
" Mr. Collins,	Dr. Oldham,
	Mr. Talbot,
	" Bills,
	" Sherrod.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the election of the Standing Committee and Delegates to the General Convention, be made the order of the day for to-morrow morning.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Convention take a recess till 4 o'clock this afternoon, to attend to the reading of the Bishop's Address.

THURSDAY, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled.

The roll was called and the Rev. Messrs. Fagg and Wheelock appeared and took their seats.

The Bishop then read his Annual Address.

A D D R E S S.

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY:—

We meet under circumstances well calculated, when duly considered, to inspire most serious and anxious reflections. In the midst of almost unexampled temporal prosperity, which blesses our country, there are alarming evidences all around us, of indifference to the interests of religion, of disregard to its sacred obligations, of engrossing devotion to the world, and of sinful conformity to its wicked practices, and that even among ourselves engaged by solemn profession to walk in righteousness and true holiness all the days of our life.

In the prevalent ungodliness and irreligion of our times God has not left himself without witness, warning nations and individuals, that He is “judge over all the earth.” The arrows of death have struck with alarming frequency in high places, during the past year. Stars of the first magnitude have disappeared from our political hemisphere, and their light been quenched forever! In the Church, also, the destroyer has been busy, and some of those whom we have been accustomed to regard as our wisest and safest counsellors have been summoned by the Lord of the vineyard, to give account of their stewardships. Bishops Gadsden, of South Carolina, Henshaw, of Rhode Island, and Chase, of Illinois, have followed each other in mournful and rapid succession, leaving behind them the memory of good examples in that faith and fear for the which “we bless God’s holy name.” In no preceding year of the history of our Church in this country have so many of our Bishops in so short a time been removed by death. With their names are associated animating recollections of humble piety, exalted talents, apostolic zeal and fruitful labors. We can think and speak of them with the feelings which reverence for worth, and gratitude for noble service may justly inspire. We sorrow for them, but it is a sorrow in which no bitterness mingles, but into which blessed hope sheds precious drops of comfort and

consolation. Let us be warned by such events to be ready also, to keep our lamps trimmed, and our lights burning, and ourselves "like unto men that wait for the coming of their Lord!"

But another of our Bishops has fallen, and in a different way, if we may credit the reports of our Church journals. He has put off his armour, but not at the command of the Captain of the Lord's hosts. He has laid down his mitre and crozier, not, indeed, as our brethren, at the summons of the King of kings, but at the call and at the feet of him who arrogating this title, "opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he, as God, sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God." Over such an one we mourn in the bitterness of a sorrow almost without hope, and in sadness of heart exclaim, "alas! my Brother!" Entangled in the perplexities of questions too deep and complicated for a mind weakened by disease, harrassed by doubts, which it seems he had not the manly candour and honesty to propose, for their removal, to his brethren of the same order and degree with himself, and of whom it is no derogation from him, to say that they were his superiors in wisdom and learning, tortured by misgivings the natural offspring of studies directed by a faith already undermined, he abandoned his diocese; the next thing we hear of him, is, that he has become a victim to the delusions of Anti-Christ, and then openly abjuring the faith which he once preached, has gained the unenviable notoriety of being proclaimed to the world as the first of his order in the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States who had made a formal submission to the Roman Pontiff, by placing in his hands what he is reported to have denominated the emblems of "an usurped power!" If spiritual pride bordering on insanity, do not appear in such an act and declaration, it will be difficult to find its exhibition in our world. Others of less note are reported to have travelled in the same road of degradation, folly and sin, and bound body, soul, and spirit in abject submission to the dictation of Romish supremacy. So far as such conduct is the result of mental imbecility, as there is reason for believing to be the case in some instances, we cannot but pity the men who are thus unhappily misled. So far as their proceedings have been marked, as has been charged, by deception deliberately practised upon the Church, of which they were ministers, it merits the reprobation of

all honest and honorable men. The studious concealment of their designs is too contemptible for description. The consummation of their treachery as perilling their own souls we deeply deplore, and we pray God to recover them from the snare in which they have been taken, and raise them from the pit into which their blindness, ignorance and presumption have plunged them.

But the aspect under which we are particularly called to view this subject is the occasion which it furnishes to many around to doubt the soundness of our communion. Men speak aloud their suspicions real or feigned, that our church is in spirit fast assimilating to Rome and will speedily become one with her in corrupting "the faith once delivered to the saints." It is thus that the events to which we have referred, have brought "a day of rebuke and reproach to us," and it becomes us therefore in our respective stations, while watching over the interests of that portion of the Church of God entrusted to our care, to "take heed to our ways," to "hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, to guard against the devices of Satan and the "cunning craftiness of those who lie in wait to deceive," to "cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of flesh and spirit" and thus prove the soundness of our faith and the excellency of our Church, by the purity of our lives and the daily practice of every thing that is "lovely and of good report."

It is pertinent to remark here, that those who are specially apprehensive of our ministers and members apostatizing to Rome, might properly ask themselves the question, how far they have reason to apprehend the breaking up of their own ecclesiastical organizations? How many of their respective communions within the last few years have united with us? Is the number such that there is reason to think that they are likely to become merged in the Episcopal Church? If not, why should the defection of one of our Bishops, and some dozen and a half of our ministers at most to the Church of Rome in the last fifty or sixty years, be taken as evidence that our Church is becoming Romanized? It may be mentioned further that nearly all of those who have apostatized from us, belonged originally to some other communion—"They went out from us but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us; but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of

us." It can be no marvel to any intelligent man who has studied human nature and ecclesiastical history, that the perversions which we lament and reprobate should happen. Nor ought such things to surprise us when we consider the consolidated and tremendous power of Rome growing out of her enormous wealth, her vast machinery worked by countless hands controlled by the energies of a central power, her compact and politic system of operations—the consummate and well digested work of human experience and human sagacity—her agents animated by a zeal that fears no difficulties, impelled by a courage that quails before no danger, directed by a spirit that scruples not at the use of any means to effect its objects, and urged onward by an ambition that claims the empire of the world as its rightful Heaven-conceded and destined dominion. Her emissaries go forth into all lands practiced in all the arts of successful deception, equipped with instruments of accommodation to the prejudices, the passions, the intellectual endowments of men in all states and conditions of life, furnished with arguments to work upon the fears or the hopes of all, with weapons to assail them upon the ground of temporal advantage or press them with denunciations of future and eternal ruin; they work with an industry that never tires, they watch with a vigilance that never sleeps, they plead with an earnestness that takes no denial, they persuade with an eloquence that captivates the understanding, they threaten with curses that overwhelm with terror and compel submission as a refuge from despair. What wonder then that Rome makes converts? And who can feel astonishment, however deeply he may deprecate the consequences, should vast accessions yet be made to her ranks? The ancient Church was early troubled with heresies, and in time became gradually and almost imperceptibly infected with these same errors now sought to be established in this country, until her original features were almost if not entirely effaced by the hideous and monstrous deformities of Popery. There will always be reason to dread that system (popery) so long as men are found with depraved natures, and while its enticements are employed to seduce them and make them drunk with its abominations. And although, I do not think that our communion is infected to any great extent with the pernicious errors of this system, and certainly I rejoice that I have discovered no signs of it among the members of our communion in

this diocese, it is nevertheless our bounden duty to watch against its deceits and to warn all within the sphere of our influence, "lest by any means as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, the minds of any with whom we have to do, "should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ." Let us "hold fast to the form of sound words," which the Church has furnished to our use, to profess our faith, to express the devout feelings and affections of our hearts, and give utterance to our emotions of praise. So shall we be preserved from evil communications corrupting to good Christian manners, kept in the paths of spiritual peace and "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!"

The report made to the last diocesan Convention which met at Nashville in the first week of May 1852, contained an account of my official acts and of the condition of the Diocese for the year preceding. The following notices from my private journal will furnish you with information upon the same subjects since that time.

On the 7th May, in the afternoon, the clergy in attendance at the Convention, and a very large number of persons formed a procession and moved to the spot which had been selected for the site of a new Church in Nashville, to be styled the Church of the Holy Trinity. The corner stone was laid with the usual ceremonies and the religious services customary on such occasions, after which an appropriate address was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Tomes. The Church is said to be a model of ecclesiastical architecture and is expected to be ready, for consecration during the present year.

May 8th. 1852. In Christ Church Nashville after prayers by the Rector and a sermon by the Rev. Dr. Page, I confirmed *eight* persons.

May 9th. In the same church after prayers by Rev. Dr. Page and a sermon by Rev. Thos W. Humes, Mr. Chas. F. Collins was presented by the Rev. Dr. Cressey for Deacon's orders, and upon satisfactory examination and trial before the congregation he was ordained by me to the diaconate. On the same occasion the Holy Communion was administered, and a collection of ninety-one dollars (\$91) made in aid of Diocesan missions.

May 22. I left home to make a visitation of the Churches and

Missionary stations in East Tennessee, and stopping at Pulaski, passed Sunday in that town.

May 23. In the morning I read prayers and preached to a large congregation, in a House of Worship kindly offered to our use, and performed the like services in the afternoon. This town has an intelligent population, situated in one of the most fertile counties in the State, connected with the seat of government by a fine turnpike road, and abounding with all the means for establishing Churches and seminaries of education, and with all the elements necessary for reaching the most improved and elevated condition of human society. Our Church, as an agent in this work, is contributing nothing to it, simply for the want of a minister. There are some families in the place who understand, and are attached to her doctrine and worship—some few members of her communion who lament their deprivation of her privileges and, who would gladly contribute all in their power to cheer the spirit and strengthen the hands of an humble and faithful clergyman that would cast in his lot among them and labor diligently for the good of souls. Such assurances at least have been given to me, and I make no doubt that a pious and industrious minister of the Church would find them realized. It is highly expedient, however, in beginning our work at a station where the Church is little known, and her members and friends few in numbers, that the calls made upon the public for the support of the ministry be as moderate as necessity will allow. It would be better, if ministerial support in the first instance should be derived entirely from Missionary funds. Where this can not be done, as it seldom can be, a resort should be had to that employment most compatible with clerical duties and engagements, namely: the education of the young. I have no hesitation in expressing the opinion that an intelligent minister of religion, with some skill and experience in teaching, could, in such a place as Pulaski, establish a school that, in the course of a few years, would yield him an ample maintenance. In our present condition as a Church, this course presents the only possible plan for extending her influence and of forming congregations in many of the most flourishing towns in the State.

Leaving Pulaski on Tuesday the 25th, by way of Huntsville, I arrived at Chattanooga on the evening of the 28th, and was kindly received and entertained by Dr. Bell. The following day I was

unable to go out and make arrangements for worship on the ensuing Lord's day. The Rev. Mr. Halsted, however, arrived in the course of the day, and the next morning, Sunday the 30th, we met a small congregation, assembled in an "upper room." Prayers were read, morning and afternoon, by Rev. Mr. H. I preached.

Monday, May 31. I was too sick to go from my lodgings, and the Rev. Mr. Halsted having left by steamer for Knoxville, we had no service.

Tuesday, June 1. Having recovered partially from the attack with which I was suffering on yesterday, I met a small congregation at night, in the building known as the Free Church, and after prayers entered into an explanation of our views in regard to the doctrine and worship of the Church. I was listened to with marked attention, and I trust not without interest and profit to those who heard.

Wednesday, 2. The greater part of this day was employed in the examination of various sites in and about the city lately laid off into lots, with a view to select one suitable for the erection of a Church. Col. Jas. A. Whitesides with great liberality, made us a donation of a piece of ground very eligible, and amply sufficient in area for the building of a house of worship and a parsonage. And now this desirable object being secured, it remains to be seen whether the members and friends of the Church in and out of Chattanooga will provide the necessary funds to erect a building corresponding in size and beauty with the generosity of the donation for a site. The Rev. John Sandels, about the 1st of last January accepted the appointment of Missionary to Chattanooga, and since that time has been engaged there in the prosecution of his labors. He writes that he has many difficulties to encounter, but that he is not discouraged. At night I read prayers and preached in the Methodist Church. The Congregation was small. I remained at Chattanooga the next day, in the hope of getting a passage to Knoxville by boat, but none leaving for that point I was constrained to take the route by Dalton in Ga., thence to Loudon on the Tennessee River by the rail cars, and thence to Knoxville by stage.

Saturday, 5th. Reached Knoxville to-day, and at night read prayers in St. John's Church, and the Rev. Mr. Halsted preached.

Sunday, 6th. After prayers in the morning by Mr. Halsted,

assisted by Rev. Mr. Humes, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon of the same day the Rev. Mr. Humes read prayers, after which I preached and then confirmed *seven* persons.

Tuesday, 8th. In company with Dr. Alex. Williams and family, I left Knoxville this morning, and arrived at Greenville the next day at night. The minister in charge of this parish was absent on necessary business in Georgia.

Thursday, 10. The Rev. Mr. Halsted came to-day, and at night read prayers in St. James' church, when I preached.

Friday, 11. Read prayers, and Mr. H. preached.

Saturday, 12. In the morning read prayers and addressed a large congregation, explaining the rite of confirmation. At night again read prayers, baptized two adults and preached.

Sunday, 13. The Rev. Mr. Gahagan having reached home last night, read prayers this morning and preached to a large and attentive congregation. At night a still larger congregation filled the church. Rev. Mr. G. read prayers, I preached, confirmed *ten* persons, and delivered an address.

Monday, 14. At the urgent request of many of our friends, I was induced to continue our services this and the following day, while waiting at Greenville for letters; the Rev. Mr. G. reading prayers and I preaching each evening. The recollection of this visit, and the services performed during its continuance, is invested in my mind with a melancholy interest, from the fact that a member of the church then present, and whose cup of enjoyment in the delights of the sanctuary then seemed to be full, has since that time been numbered with the dead. I refer to Dr. Alex. Williams, to whose active zeal and liberality the church in Greenville was largely indebted for its first establishment, and in whom its ministry found always a generous friend, and its poor a liberal reliever of their wants. The widow, the fatherless and the friendless ever found with him a listening ear for the story of their sorrow—a ready hand to minister to their necessities and alleviate their sufferings. To his bereaved family his loss would seem to be irreparable were it not for the consolation which the God of all comfort can give in binding up the broken heart and speaking peace to a wounded spirit. In his removal, which took place only a few weeks after my visit to Greenville, the community in

which he lived has lost one of its most valued and intelligent citizens—the church of which he was a member, one of its most devoted and enlightened friends. May He, whose spirit rules in the churches, supply, by the abundance of his grace, the loss which his wisdom has caused in the social circle and in the domestic sanctuary! Having left Greenville on the 18th by stage for Knoxville, we had travelled not more than five miles before one of the main braces of the coach gave way, and our carriage had to be supported the remainder of the journey on a green sapling taken from the woods. We arrived at Knoxville, after a wearisome ride of twenty-six hours, about dark, on Saturday, 19th.

Sunday, 20th. Morning prayer was said by Rev. Mr. Gay, assisted by Rev. Mr. Humes, and I preached.

From this place I addressed to the clergy of the diocese a form of Thanksgiving to be used on the anniversary of our National Independence. As that day occurred this year on Sunday, I thought it a suitable occasion to recommend a collection in aid of the friends of the American Colonization Society. The pastoral letter and form set forth are herewith appended.*

Thursday, 24. In company with the Rev. Mr. Humes I left Knoxville this morning, and after travelling all day in a heavy rain, we arrived by night at the residence of Mrs. Margaret Humes, at the mouth of Tellico, and one of the Missionary Stations of the Rev. Jno. L. Gay.

Sunday, 27th. In a house fitted up temporarily for worship, about a mile from Mrs. H's. residence, the Rev. Mr. Gay read prayers and baptized an infant, after which I preached. The site selected for the building of a church in this neighbourhood, and for the erection of which ample means have been provided by the wills of the late Mr. Andrew Humes and his father-in-law, the late Mr. John Magee, is as beautiful as can well be imagined. It is very near the spot where, in former days, the United States kept a garrison—in sight of Old Fort Loudon of ante-revolutionary memory, commanding an extensive view up and down the river, as it flows round the base of the hill, on the summit of which the church is to be erected, and overlooks a lovely and fertile agricultural district which borders its banks. The church edifice has

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been put under contract and is expected to be ready for consecration during the ensuing summer.

Tuesday 29th. Set off this morning with Rev. Mr. Gay for his other Missionary Station, the new town of Loudon, situated at the point where the Rail Road from Dalton to Knoxville crosses the Tennessee river. We arrived in time for worship which was celebrated by prayers by Rev. Mr. G., in a large room in the Rail Road Hotel, where I preached to a large congregation.

Wednesday, 30th. Proceeded to Philadelphia, a small village seven miles distant, and at night, after prayers in a school house, I preached. Going on to Athens the next day we had prayers and preaching on this and the following day, the Rev. Messrs. Gay and Halsted taking part in the services.

Saturday, July 3d. In compliance with an invitation from the citizens of Athens, of McMinn county, assembled upon receiving intelligence on yesterday of the death of the Hon. Henry Clay, to deliver a funeral address on the occasion, I proceeded to discharge that duty. A very large congregation assembled in the Methodist church at 3 o'clock P. M., to testify their respect for the memory of one of the greatest patriots and statesmen of the age; after prayers by the Rev. Mr. Gay, I preached to a deeply affected audience.

Sunday, 4th. Morning prayer was said by Rev. Messrs. Gay and Halsted, in the Presbyterian church, and after sermon by myself, a collection was made in aid of the funds of the American Colonization Society. In the afternoon prayers were offered by the same brethren, and after the baptism of two children, I again preached.

Having made mention of the American Colonization Society, whose objects I have from time to time commended to the notice of gentlemen belonging to our church, I take this occasion to remark, that a few weeks since, I received a letter from the Rt. Rev. Bishop Payne, who is charged with the care of our missions on the western coast of Africa, in which he requested me to bring the subject to the notice of my diocese. The letter is dated at sea, May 21, 1852; and as the most direct way to gain attention to an enterprise which enlists the interests and sympathies of large numbers in our communion, and has a most important bearing on the future prospects of Africa, in the efforts making for the enlight-

enment and civilization of her benighted and barbarous population. I beg leave to read the Bishop's letter and ask that it may be appended to the Journal.*

Monday, 5. This being the day appointed for laying the cornerstone of a church at Loudon, we proceeded thither by the railroad train in the morning, and found that an immense crowd had gathered in from all the surrounding country to witness the ceremonies. A procession was formed of the citizens, Masonic Fraternity and Clergy present, and proceeded to the site selected for the building. Here, after prayers and the laying of the cornerstone in the customary manner, and the invocation of God's blessing upon the work, addresses were made by the Rev. Messrs. Humes and Gay. This enterprise has been begun with great zeal and I learn prosecuted with commendable earnestness and vigor; so that I am not without good hope that the edifice may be in readiness for consecration the coming summer. If it be so, it will furnish a striking example for the encouragement of others, to show what the energy and determination of one clergyman can accomplish, supported by faith and hope in the midst of manifold difficulties. Having returned to Chattanooga on the 6th, I went with Col. Whitesides, at whose house I had been kindly received and entertained, to the Chattanooga or Lookout Mountain. I was surprised to find the summit spreading out and forming an extensive plateau, and affording, with a cheering prospect over the surrounding country to a great distance, an admirable situation for summer residences. Its elevated position, some two thousand feet above the level of the valley of the Tennessee, secures to it a salubrious and refreshing atmosphere, while the resort to it of many families from the South during the hot weather, offers many inducements for the establishment of schools for education. The mountain abounds with building-stone of the best quality, and an ample supply of pure water. At the close of the day which I spent there, a respectable congregation gathered together at the Hotel, and after prayers I preached.

Sunday, 6th. At Chattanooga, I read prayers and preached, morning and afternoon, in a vacant store-room, which had been hastily arranged for worship, and was filled with an attentive congregation.

* See Appendix G. to Journal of Convention.

Feeling it very necessary to re-organize the Columbia Female Institute by the selection of suitable instructors for the same, and a reliable head to control the whole, I determined to proceed to North Carolina to secure, if possible, the services of Mr. Wm. Hardin and family, whom I knew to be well qualified by education, practical experience and manners for so important and responsible a station. This object took me to Fayetteville, N. C., where, on Sunday the 18th June, I preached twice after prayers by the Rector of the parish, and at his request, confirmed two persons. I was fortunate enough while there, to secure for the Fem. Institute the valuable services of Mr. Hardin and his accomplished lady, and through them other well qualified and experienced teachers, and since the first of last Oct. the Institute has been gradually recovering from the effects of the almost ruinous disasters of last year, and regaining public confidence. I can bespeak for it the patronage of all those desirous of securing for their daughters and wards the advantages of a thorough moral and intellectual training, in the very sincere and honest conviction that the worthy gentleman now at its head is entitled to the unreserved confidence and liberal support of parents and guardians. I may add that it is the only chartered school in the diocese established under the auspices and by the contributions chiefly of members and friends of the church, and as such I hope will merit the consideration of Episcopalians in and out of the State, in selecting a suitable seminary for the education of their daughters.*

After completing the business which had taken me to Fayetteville, I determined to spend a few days in the mountains of Virginia, and enjoy the benefit of my native air for re-establishing my health, which had begun again to fail seriously under the pressure of those anxieties and cares which the last few weeks had brought. On my journey to Virginia, having stopped at Raleigh, I had the great satisfaction of visiting, after an absence of nearly 30 years, my Alma Mater, the University of N. Carolina, in a neighboring county. It was most pleasing to find the Institution, now

*I beg leave to add here that I regret to find, in many places, a great misapprehension as to the Rectorship of the Institute. Many persons suppose that it is still under the management of the Rev. F. G. Smith. I hope that the members and friends of the Church every where will be at some pains to correct such a mistake.

greatly enlarged in its accommodations, in a very prosperous condition; and equally delightful it was to enjoy, for a few hours, the conversation of friends, whose kind offices in days long past, had secured for them a large place in my heart. On Sunday, the 25th June, I preached morning and afternoon in Christ Church, Raleigh, after prayers by Rev. Dr. Mason.

Having occasion to stop at Richmond, Va., a few days, at the request of the wardens of St. James' Church, the Rector being absent, I read morning prayer on Sunday, August 1st, baptised an infant, preached and administered the holy communion. In the afternoon I again preached in the same church.

Sunday, 8th. I preached twice at Liberty, my native village, in Bedford county, Va.

Sunday, 15th. Preached at the White Sulphur Springs, Va.

Sunday, 22d. Preached in the morning at the Red Sweet, and afternoon at Sweet Springs, Va.

Sunday, 29th. On my return homeward, preached morning and afternoon at St. James' Church, Richmond.

I arrived at home the 6th September, and was confined to my house by illness from that time till the 26th, when I was able to preach once in St. Peter's Church, Columbia.

Sunday, Oct. 3d. At St. John's Church, Ashwood, after prayers by the Rev. Dr. Cressey, I preached and administered the Lord's Supper.

Wednesday, 6th. Officiated by request at the burial of the late R. C. Whitesides, Esq.

Sunday, 10th. Preached at St. Peter's Church, Columbia.

Sunday, 17th. At St. Mark's Church, Williamsport, Rev. Messrs. Good and Collins said prayers; I baptized an adult and three children, confirmed two persons, preached and administered the Holy Communion.

Sunday, 31st. At St. Peter's Church, Columbia, after morning prayers by the Rector, I preached and confirmed two persons.

Thursday, Nov. 4th. Celebrated the rites of matrimony between Col. James Wallace, of Kentucky, and Miss Laura Gordon, of Hickman county, near Williamsport, Tenn.

Sunday, 7th. At St. John's Church, Ashwood, after prayers by the Rev. Dr. Cressey, I preached, confirmed two persons and administered the Lord's Supper.

Circumstances having rendered it expedient for me to change my residence, I left the neighborhood of Columbia the 8th November, and on the night of the 12th reached Memphis, where, by the kindness of a few friends, I am provided with a comfortable house for my family and where they are now living.

Since my removal to Memphis, I have assisted the Rector of Calvary Church, by reading prayers in the Church nineteen times, preached on sixteen occasions, administered the Holy Communion four times in public and twice privately; buried two infants, baptized two infants and one adult, and married three couples. I confirmed *twelve* persons in Calvary Church on the 28th November last, *three* persons on Easter Even and *one* in private, being sick, on the 1st March.

A new congregation has been organized in Memphis, under the name of Grace Church, by adopting articles of association and electing wardens and vestrymen, on Easter Monday, 28th March.

This congregation has been worshipping for the greater part of the time in rented rooms. I have read prayers for them six times; the Rev. Mr. Stout reading prayers on other occasions, and I have preached for them sixteen times. A Sunday School has been organized numbering between forty and fifty children, from which I hope for much good fruit. The school has been very generously supplied with Sunday School books, and a library of one hundred volumes by the General Protestant Episcopal S. S. Union; an Institution whose claims to preference will not be forgotten, I trust, by my brethren of the clergy and laity, when ordering books for the use of children in Sunday Schools, or in families. The Ep. Female P. B. and Tract Society, has also laid us under obligations of gratitude for a liberal donation of Tracts and Prayer Books, for which I am ready to give orders in favor of such of our ministers and congregations as may desire them, commending this institution, at the same time, to their favor and support, as among the most useful and praiseworthy connected with our Communion.

During the month of March, I made a brief visit of about 20 days to New Orleans, for the benefit of my health. While gone, I preached three times, baptised an infant in private, and administered the Lord's Supper.

Monday, April 11, 1853. I left home to-day to make a visitation of the Churches in Tipton, Haywood and Madison counties

before Convention, and landed at Randolph from a steamboat, about 6 P. M. The next day I proceeded to Mr. J. J. Alston's to superintend the erection of a monument at the grave of our late lamented and much loved brother, the Rev. Ph. W. Alston. The work was executed by Mr. Sloan, of Nashville, with great taste and judgment, and is a most beautiful and substantial structure of white marble. The entire expense is defrayed by Mr. J. C. Johnston, of North Carolina, who thus pays a becoming and appropriate tribute to the memory of a dear relative and a man whom we all loved for his worth—a minister whom we revered for his fidelity, and a friend in whose affection we rejoiced.

Wednesday 13. Read prayers and preached in St. Paul's Church, Randolph.

Friday, 15th. Performed the like services in the same Church, morning and afternoon; baptized an infant.

Sunday, 17. Read prayers and preached in Ravenscroft Chapel in the forenoon. In the afternoon, rode to Randolph, read prayers, baptized four children, preached and confirmed one person. On my return to Mr. Alston's, visited a sick person on the way, a young man "nigh unto death!" but whom I trust the Lord has spared for use to his Church.

Monday, 18. Left Mr. A's to-day and arrived at Covington in time for worship at night. Rev. Mr. Wheelock read prayers and I preached. Congregation large. Next day proceeded to the neighborhood of Trinity Church, Tipton county.

Saturday, 19. Morning prayers by Rev. Mr. Wheelock, in Trinity Church; lessons by Rev. Mr. Steel, and sermon by myself. In the afternoon the like service was performed by the same brethren, and I again preached.

Sunday, 20. Like services were performed to-day, with the addition of the Holy Communion and the confirmation of six persons, three of whom belong to the congregation which worships at Sommerville. The congregations were large, and from the marked and respectful attention to the preaching of the Word, and from the reverent behaviour of many present, we cannot but hope while we pray that the good seed of God's word may take deep root in the hearts of some of those who heard, whom divine Providence has surrounded by so many blessings, and whose very virtues in social life act as a dead weight to the onward progress of

the Gospel, because they are unknown to the confession of Christ's saving name by any public profession of the Christian faith! For, says Christ, our Saviour, "*He that is not with me is against me, and he that gathereth not with me, scattereth abroad!*" To the influential in name and character, this warning of our Saviour seems specially applicable.

The Rev. Mr. Steel with Mr. Wheelock has purchased a small tract of land with a comfortable dwelling and all necessary out-houses upon it, in the neighborhood of Trinity Church. The location is very beautiful and healthy, and with the high character which the people of the vicinity possess for moral deportment, sobriety and intelligence, a more suitable locality perhaps could not have been selected for the Female Day and Boarding School, which these brethren have here established. Their enterprise has so far met with favor, and I doubt not, if sustained by the patronage which their pleasant situation, ample accommodations and faithful and accomplished teachers may reasonably expect from the public, will bean ornament to the neighborhood and eminently useful and successful.

Monday, 25. Accompanied by Rev. Mr. Steel, I came to Covington, and at night after prayers by Mr. S., I baptised an infant and preached.

The next day we proceeded on our way towards Durhamville and Ripley, across the Hatchie bottom and river, and traversed the worst road with which I have ever met in any country. About a quarter of a mile from the ferry to which we had been directed, our further progress was arrested by a deep and impassable *slue*—the supporters of the bridge had been swept away and its timbers fallen into the stream, so that with a horse and carriage it was impossible to cross. About two miles in advance of this spot, we had very fortunately, and as it would appear providentially, met with Capt. Whitley, from Trinity Parish, who had kindly accompanied us to the place where we were now stopped. It was his purpose to see us safe over the river, and under his guidance we turned back, and at the distance of some three or four miles, arrived at one of his plantations. Here I had an opportunity of drying my clothes saturated with water and mud; our weary horse was fed and ourselves refreshed with dinner. Capt. W. then took two horses and a negro man with an axe, and piloted us through the woods

about four miles, clearing away obstructions to the passage of our vehicle, to a lower ferry, where the bottom was not so impractical. Here we passed the river without difficulty, our courteous conductor leading the way; nor did he leave us until we were on high and dry ground, in an open and good road. I am the more particular in noting these incidents both to record my sense of the kindness shown to us, and as a testimony honorable to the character of our population. Our people are proverbially hospitable; but even when this trait is manifest in the general intercourse of society, it must be granted that it is a rare instance to be found, of a man who would lose a whole day from his occupation in the busiest season of the year, give up his horse, walk four miles, through mud and mire for the accommodation of a comparative stranger, and he a preacher with no claims upon him for any special consideration. I therefore consider this acknowledgment of indebtedness to Capt. Whitley, from Mr. Steel and myself, as a simple act of gratitude for his very valuable and acceptable services. Without his timely aid we should, in all probability, have passed a comfortless and sleepless night in the swamp. By night we arrived at Durhamville, and were as heretofore welcomed to the house and hospitality of the venerable widow Lee. Notice had been given for services at this village at 3 P. M., but the difficulties encountered by us during the day had delayed us far beyond that hour. There was no other appointment made as far as we could ascertain, though I had intended to visit Ripley in the expectation of preaching there, but learning that Dr. Oldham and his family were absent from the neighborhood and their return uncertain, I determined to proceed the next day to Brownsville. Accordingly Mr. Steel set off on his return home the following morning, and the same day Mrs. Lee sent me in her carriage to Brownsville. The weather, after my arrival, proved to be inclement, so that we had no services in public till Sunday the 1st May.

Thursday, April 30. I visited a sick person with Rev. Mr. Rogers, and confirmed her.

Sunday, May 1st. After prayers by Rev. Mr. R., morning and at night, I preached, and in the forenoon also administered the Holy Communion.

Wednesday, 4th. At night, the Rev. Mr. Rogers read prayers

in the Courthouse where our congregations assemble for worship, I preached and confirmed *one* person.

Thursday, 5th. In company with Rev. Mr. Rogers, I visited a sick person in the country and baptized two children. At night, after prayers by Rev. Mr. R., and the baptism of an adult, I preached and confirmed *two* persons in the Courthouse.

Saturday, 7th. After prayers by Mr. R., I again preached at night.

Sunday, 8th. Prayers morning and at night were said by Mr. R., after which I preached. The attendance of the people upon our ministrations while at Brownsville was large, and yet there were but three who came forward to testify their interest in Christ's salvation and their hope in His name by a public profession of the faith of the gospel. I pray God that it may not be laid to the charge of any who heard the word, that it profited them not because it was not mixed with faith in their hearts. The Rev. Mr. Rogers is laboring with great diligence and zeal in the service of our Master, and for the spiritual improvement of those among whom Providence has cast his lot. The amount of compensation derived from his congregation and missionary stipend is very inadequate to the support of himself and family, and he therefore has taken charge of the public academy and relies upon the receipt of fees for tuition, for his maintenance.

On the morning of Monday I left our very hospitable friends at Brownsville, for Jackson, where services had been appointed by the Rector for Thursday morning, 12th.

Thursday, 12th. Morning prayer was read by Rev. Dr. McCullough, in St. Luke's Church, and I preached.

Friday, 13th. At night after prayers, by Rev. Mr. Tomes, of Nashville, assisted by Rev. Mr. Pise, of Sycamore Mills, I again preached.

Saturday, 14. There were prayers and services in the morning and at night, in St. Luke's Church, in which the Rev. Messrs. Pise and Tomes and the Rev. Dr. Wright, of the Church of England, each took part.

Whit Sunday, 15th. With the rites and solemnities prescribed, I this day consecrated and set apart St. Luke's Church, Jackson, to the worship and service of Almighty God. The letter of request and endowment was read by Wm. H. Stephens, Esq., in be-

half of the Wardens, Vestry and Congregation in open church; the letter or instrument of consecration was read by the Rev. Dr. McCullough, the Rector. Morning prayer was then read by the Rev. Mr. Tomes, assisted in the lessons by Rev. Mr. Pise, and a sermon preached by Rev. Dr. Wright. The Holy Communion was then celebrated, in which Dr. McCullough and Mr. Pise assisted. Thus has another building, erected to the honor of God and dedicated to his worship, been set apart by public act from all ordinary and common uses, being the 14th in the Diocese, which have received this designation, and to those who have thus provided for themselves, families and neighbors, a becoming and commodious "House of Prayer," we wish good luck in the name of the Lord. The Church is furnished with a communion service, and an organ: and now nothing seems wanting but an earnest and diligent appropriation of the means of grace by the members of this congregation, in order to entitle them to the distinction, accorded by St. Paul to his beloved Corinthians, that they "come behind in no gift;" and may they remember the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, "unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required." In the afternoon I preached, after prayers by Rev. Messrs. Pise and Tomes, and confirmed *one* person. The sum total of the confirmations in eleven congregations visited by me since the last convention, is *fifty-nine—four* less than in the preceding year. How are we to account for this falling off, my brethren? If it be owing to any neglect or omission on our part—if there have been any failure in diligence or remissness in faithful warning, we of the clergy "know the greatness of the fault and also the horrible punishment that will ensue." On the other hand, may not our brethren of the laity properly lay it to their own most serious consideration, and ask themselves how far the slow progress which the Church is making in the Diocese, may not be truly attributable to their preference of this world and their devotion to its pursuits. There is nothing, as all experience proves, more dangerous to man than prosperity. He who is watered by the streams of this world's wealth and honors seldom makes great attainments in piety, in the knowledge of spiritual things. And if there be any one danger standing out more prominently to view than all others in our present circumstances, I am constrained to think that it comes from this quarter. The abundance of money and the cor-

responding increase in the price of all articles of trade and commerce, not only stimulates industry, but also excites the spirit of enterprise, and last of all leads to daring hazardous speculation. In such a state of things, and it is a wide field you know upon which to dilate, if it were necessary, it is most obvious to remark that our fellow men forget the claims of religion and the calls of duty in the eager pursuit of their objects. In pushing their schemes to increase their fortunes, which the present favorable state of trade, commerce and the arts presents, they think they have less means to promote and encourage plans for the increase of piety and the spread of religion ; they cannot afford to spare from their increase what may be necessary to build and furnish churches of a plain and decent character for the Worship of God. They forget that in the enhanced value of every article of subsistence which their pastors use for their families, there is no corresponding increase of their stipends ; but will suffer them to beg abroad for that help in their necessities which those to whom they minister, withhold of the abundance which they seek to employ in speculation. There are clergymen now in this Diocese, devoting all the energies of body and soul left to them, after the labors of the school room, to the spiritual improvement of congregations, whose aggregate wealth will amount to *hundreds of thousands of dollars*, and it will be so found, I believe, to be estimated on the tax-books. And for the performance of these services which above all others, one would think, ought to touch the heart, acknowledging its tenderest and most generous sensibilities, they receive not so much as *three hundred dollars per annum !* Nay, more : some of those congregations actually allow their ministers to draw upon the missionary fund which is given to send the gospel to the poor, thus virtually recognizing themselves as pensioners on the bounty of those who, out of the State, give of their substance to help others who cannot help themselves. I feel mortified that such things should be said of us, and still more mortified, that there should any occasion ever be given for saying them. I do not wonder that God blesses us not. Riches may increase and be abundant with us, as the quails around the camp of the Israelites, when they lusted for meat, but for all that, leanness of soul may be the portion of him who has " much goods laid up for many years," and when the Master comes to ask of him improvement, he may be

obliged to cry in bitterness, "my leanness! my leanness! wo unto me!" Think of men who have incomes of two to ten thousand dollars a year, and esteeming themselves liberal by the contribution of five dollars to one hundred dollars per annum, for religious and charitable purposes, at home and abroad. I venture to say, that there is not a clergyman belonging to this Diocese, who does not annually contribute double that amount in proportion to his salary for preaching! To the lay members of the Church in this Diocese, I would say in the words of the Apostle, "I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you."* Unless God in his gracious goodness shall give to our fellow men whom his Providence has blessed, the willing mind, as he has given the ability, to contribute of their worldly things for the support of the institutions of religion, our ministers will be forced to the miserable alternative of seeking other fields of labor, or of betaking themselves to secular employments.

The changes which I have to report in regard to the clergy since the last Convention, are the following:

The Rev. Messrs. Gay, Gahagan and Halsted have been received into this Diocese upon letters dimissory. Mr. Gay has charge of the congregations at the mouth of Tellico and at Loudon. The Rev. Mr. Gahagan is minister of St. James' Chuich, Greenville, and the Rev. Mr. Halsted is Missionary at Athens. The Rev. James W. Rogers has resigned the Church of the Holy Trinity, at Nashville, and is minister and missionary at Brownsville. His support is derived almost wholly from a school of which he is principal. The Rev. John Sandels has removed from Clarksville, and settled as Missionary at Chattanooga. The Rev. David Pise has resigned the care of Trinity Church, Clarksville, and become Missionary at Sycamore Mills, where he has under his charge a Female Academy. The Rev. Mr. Wheelock has resigned St. Paul's, Randolph, and retaining his connection with Ravenscroft Chapel, and St. Matthew's Church, Covington, has united with Mr. Steel, of Trinity Parish, Tipton, in the establishment of a day and boarding School for girls. The Rev. Charles F. Collins, (deacon) has charge of St. Mark's Church, Williamsport. The Rev. E. H. Cressy, D. D., has resigned the charge of St. John's Church, Ash-

*1 Cor. iv, 8—15.

wood, and removed to Auburn, Western New York, upon letters dimissory. The Rev. Wm. C. Stout has been received into this Diocese upon letters dimissory from Bp. Freeman.

Mr. Wm. Mowbray has been appointed a lay reader at a settlement in which there are a few Episcopalians, near Chattanooga.

Mr. Lacey Jones has been received as a candidate for orders on the recommendatory testimonials of the Standing Committee.

There are three Churches in the course of erection in the Diocese, and it is hoped and believed that they will be ready for consecration in the course of this year.

I have now, brethren, passed the 19th year of my consecration to the Episcopate of this Diocese; and at the end of that time it is with painful emotions that I contemplate our present condition. We have only one candidate for orders, and of the nineteen clergymen whose names are found on our list, nine only are wholly devoted to the work of the ministry; seven, besides performing parochial duties, are obliged to teach school for the support of themselves and families. One is at present without charge, another is supposed to be dead, and a third is suspended. Four at least of our Parishes are without ministers, and many interesting points for missionary labor are unoccupied. The only alleviation to the feelings of anxiety with which I look upon the religious waste around us, is the consciousness of having done all that in me lay to provide against this state of things. The establishment of an institution to furnish the means of literary and theological education to those who might be led by the Holy Ghost to seek orders in the Church, has, you know, been, from the beginning of my Episcopate, an object of anxious solicitude with me. To its accomplishment I have devoted a large share of thought and attention for years past. An application to the Congregations of our Church and its pastors throughout the Union for the small sum of \$5 from each Parish, to this end, was met by a return of between \$700 and \$800. This is a result not less unexpected than mortifying. Of the money thus contributed, \$500 has been expended in the purchase of a house, now on the ten acre lot owned by us, in which a small school for children is kept by the Rector of St. Peter's Church, Columbia. A report will be submitted to you during the present session, showing what disposition has been made of the funds entrusted to the Board of Trustees.

I have within a few weeks past, made application to some of the old congregations of our Church in the Eastern cities, for aid to sustain our missions. Reluctant as I felt to do this, there seemed to be no alternative but the abandonment of some of our missionary stations. I am deeply pained to say, that my efforts have been attended with no results but the expression of sympathies for our destitute condition, and of regrets felt at the want of means to assist us. The impression is a fixed one abroad, that Tennessee is a wealthy State, and that our Church is composed of members who command abundant means. To a certain extent the impression is no doubt correct; but taking our communion in the aggregate, it is an exceedingly small and poor body in comparison with all other religious denominations around us. This we know ourselves; but the statement of the fact will not relieve our wants. We must help ourselves first, and then look to the Lord for his blessing and the aid of others; remembering that "if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not."

It only remains that I commend you, brethren, as I do most devoutly, to the direction and care of Him "by whose inspiration we think any thing that is good, and by whose merciful guidance we perform the same."

Your faithful friend,

and affectionate Pastor,

JAS. H. OTEY.

BOLIVAR, May 19, 1853.

On motion, *Resolved*, That so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the proposition of the Bishop of Cape Palmas, Western Coast of Africa, for the support of a Mission in Africa by the Diocese of Tennessee, be referred to a Committee of three.

The chair appointed Dr. Oldham, Mr. James Caruthers and Mr. Pitser Miller.

The Convention then adjourned till 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, May 20th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention assembled in St. James' Church, the Bishop

in the chair. The roll was called and the Rev. Mr. Steel and Mr. Joseph A. Green appeared and took their seats.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The election of the Standing Committee, and of Delegates to the General Convention having been made the order of the day for this morning, the Convention proceeded to the elections, which resulted as follows:

Standing Committee. On the first ballot, Rev. Charles Tomes, Rev. D. C. Page, D. D., Mr. F. B. Fogg, and Dr. J. Shelby were elected.

On the second ballot, the Rev. David Pise was elected.

On motion, *Resolved*, to take a recess for ten minutes.

The Convention re-assembled and proceeded to the election of Delegates to the General Convention, and the following gentlemen were duly elected, viz:

Rev. D. C. Page, D. D.	Dr. Samuel Oldham,
" J. W. McCullough, D.D.	Mr. F. B. Fogg,
" Charles Tomes,	" W. H. Stephens,
" David Pise,	" G. T. Taylor.

The Convention took a recess till 3 o'clock, P. M.

FRIDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled.

On motion it was *Resolved*, That the Bishop have power to fill by appointment, any vacancies which may occur in the Delegation from this Diocese, to the General Convention.

The Parochial Reports were then read and ordered to be appended to the Journal.

The Trustees of Ravenscroft College not being present in Convention, to whom the Bishop could make Report of funds entrusted to his care, requested leave of the Convention to have appended to the Journal, the following statement of accounts, which was granted. See *Appendix C*.

On motion, it was *Resolved* to proceed to the election of Trustees of the Episcopate and Pension Funds, and to the

nomination of Trustees for the General Theological Seminary.

The motion to dispense with the ballot was lost. The result of the elections was as follows:

TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPATE FUND.

Messrs. F. B. Fogg and Matthew Watson.

TRUSTEES OF THE PENSION FUND.

Rev. D. C. Page, D. D.	Mr. F. B. Fogg,
" J. W. McCullough, D.D.	Dr. J. Shelby.

TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. D. C. Page, D.D.	Mr. F. B. Fogg,
" Charles Tomes.	

The following resolutions were offered by the Rev. Mr. Tomes, and on motion made the order of the day for to-morrow morning.

Resolved, That the Trustees of Ravenscroft College be and are hereby instructed to make application (the consent of the contributors to the funds of the Institution having been, as far as can be, obtained,) to the Legislature of the State, to allow of the transfer of the property and funds of the College to the Nashville University, for the purpose of erecting buildings for a Theological Department connected with said University, upon condition that the buildings which may be erected, be forever under the control of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Tennessee, for the purposes of Theological Education in accordance with the doctrines and principles of the said Protestant Episcopal Church.

Further Resolved, That the Trustees of Ravenscroft College be and are hereby instructed to apply to the Trustees of the Nashville University, to give their consent to, and to aid in the said transfer.

Further Resolved, That Francis B. Fogg, Russell Houston, and Lucius J. Polk be and are hereby appointed a Committee

to act in concert with the Trustees of Ravenscroft College, to effect the end proposed in the above Resolutions, and also to make application for donations to aid in the erection of the necessary buildings.

The President called the Rev. Dr. McCullough to the chair. The Treasurer of the Diocese read his Report, which was referred to Messrs. Pitser Miller and W. H. Stephens, as Auditing Committee.

On motion it was *Resolved*, that the Secretary, as soon after the adjournment of this Convention, as possible, forward to the Vestry of each delinquent Parish, a statement of the amount due to the Episcopate Fund from each Parish, and that the Vestries thereof, be and are hereby earnestly requested to liquidate such arrearages.

The Convention then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, May 21st. 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention assembled, the Bishop in the chair. The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

The resolutions which had been made the order of the day for this morning, were brought before the Convention.

The question still pending, the Convention took a recess till 2 o'clock this afternoon.

SATURDAY, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Convention re-assembled.

On motion, the question pending, was postponed.

The auditing Committee reported that they had examined the accounts of the Treasurer and found them correct. They were ordered to be appended to the Journal. (See *Appendix D.*)

On motion, *Resolved* that the Secretary have printed 300 copies of the Journal, and 200 copies of the Bishop's Address in a separate form additional.

The Committee on Assessments reported a schedule for the current year, which was amended and adopted as follows:

Churches.	For the Episcopate.	For the Contingent Fund.
Christ Church, Nashville,	\$300	\$30
Calvary Church, Memphis,	550	35
St. Peter's Church, Columbia,	100	10
St. John's Church, Maury county,	90	10
Trinity Church, Clarksville,	60	10
Immanuel Church, La Grange,	25	5
St. Luke's Church, Jackson,	60	10
St. John's Church, Knoxville,	70	10
St. James' Church, Bolivar,	30	10
Trinity Church, Tipton county,	30	
St. Thomas' Church, Somerville,	10	5
St. Paul's Church, Randolph,	20	
St. James' Church, Greenville,	25	5
St. Paul's Church, Franklin,	20	5
Zion Church, Brownsville,	35	5
Church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville,	20	
St. Mark's Church, Williamsport,	20	5

The Rev. Dr. Page, in behalf of the Committee on the State of the Church, made a report, which was amended, and ordered to be appended to the Journal. (See *Appendix E.*)

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the proposition of the Bishop of Cape Palmas, Western Coast of Africa, presented a Report, which on motion, was ordered to be appended to the Journal. (See *Appendix H.*)

The Resolutions upon Ravenscroft College were again called up and lost.

The following Resolutions were offered and lost:

Resolved, That the Delegates, the members of this Convention from such Parishes as have not paid their assessments for the support of the Episcopate, be and are hereby requested to lay before the Vestries of the several Parishes to which they belong, the amounts of their delinquencies, and urge upon their attention, the necessity of immediately making payment of the same.—

And in order more fully to secure the end of this Resolution,
Further Resolved, That the Secretary be and is hereby directed, as soon as may be practicable, after the adjournment of this Convention, to forward by mail or otherwise, to the Delegates of each delinquent Parish, a copy of the above Resolutions.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following Report:—

The Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report to the Convention:

That having examined the Journals, &c., they find a proposed amendment, to the Fifth Article of the Constitution; — (See Diocesan Journal for 1852, *Appendix B.*)

The Committee find nothing more to be submitted for their consideration.

J. W. ROGERS,
WILLIAM H. HARDIN.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the next Annual Convention be held at Knoxville on the second Wednesday in July 1854.

The Journal was then read and approved, and after singing and prayers, and the benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

Attest,
DAVID PISE, Sec'y.

JAS. H. OTEY, D. D.,
Bishop of Tennessee.

APPENDIX.

(A)

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with a form of prayer.
2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.
3. No member shall absent himself from the business of the House, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.
4. Every member speaking in debate shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall respectfully address the President, confining his observations strictly to the point in debate.
5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate without permission from the President.
6. A question being once determined, shall not again be brought before the House, unless on a motion for re-consideration made by one of the majority.
7. No motion shall be considered as before the House, unless it be seconded, and reduced to writing, when required.
8. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken immediately, and without debate.

(B.)

The Standing Committee respectfully report to the Convention of the Diocese as follows:

On the 8th of May, 1852. They recommended for Deacon's Orders, Charles Francis Collins.

On the 22d of October, 1852. They gave their consent to the Consecration of the Rev. Jonathan M. Wainwright, D. D., as Provisional Bishop of the Diocese of New York.

And on the same day, they recommended to the Bishop of the Diocese Lacy Jones, as a Candidate for Holy Orders.

CHARLES TOMES,

President and Secretary of the Standing Committee.

Nashville, May 11th, 1853.

(C.)

RAVENS CROFT COLLEGE,

In account with JAMES H. OTTY,

Cr.	By cash received from sundry persons as donations.....	694	42
	Interest on \$694 42 (this amount having been loaned by order of Trustees, for a time, to Andrew J. Polk) 93	74	
"	Proceeds of sale of Sheegog's land.....	333	00
"	Sundry donations	42	00
		1163	16

Dr.	To cash paid B. Harrison, for enclosing lot ...	\$302	50
"	for Frame House	500	00
"	B. Harrison for removing house....	42	40
		844	90

1853, May 19th. Balance being cash in my hands..... 318 26

(D.)

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

A. O. HARRIS, Treasurer,

In account with Diocese of Tennessee, with respect
1852, to Assessment Fund for 1852.

May 8th,	To cash rec'd of St. John's Church, Knoxville.....	60	00
"	St. Luke's " Jackson	10	00
"	Christ " Nashville (bal'ce) 96	46	
"	St. Peter's " Columbia	100	00
"	Trinity " Clarksville.....	20	00
"	St. James' " Bolivar	30	00
"	Immanuel " La Grange	25	00
"	St. John's " Ashwood	90	00
"	Trinity " Tipton	10	00
"	St. Thomas' " Somerville.....	10	00
"	Calvary " Memphis	150	00
"	Dr. Samuel Oldham.....	25	00
		626	46

Cr.

By cash paid Bishop Otey, per receipt.....	581	46
Balance due Assessment Fund for 1852.....	45	00
	626	46

A. O. HARRIS, Treasurer.

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In account with the Diocese of Tennessee, with respect to
Assessment Fund for 1853. Dr.

1853, May 19th, To Cash rec'd of St. John's Church, Knoxville ..	.70	00
" " St. Luke's "	Jackson ..	60 00
" " St. Peter's "	Columbia ..	50 00
" " Zion "	Brownsville ..	25 00
" " St. James' "	Bolivar ..	30 00
" " Calvary "	Memphis ..	350 00
" " Immanuel "	La Grange ..	25 00
" " St. Paul's "	Randolph ..	20 00
" " Trinity "	Tipton ..	20 00
" " St. James' "	Greenville ..	12 50
Dr. Sam'l. Oldham.....		25 00
Ravenscroft Chapel, of J. J. Alston ..		20 00
Donation by Mrs. Lee, of Durhamsville ..		50 00
Balance of 1852		45 00
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		\$802 50

Cr.

1852, Sept. By cash paid draft of Bishop Otey.....	\$200	00
1853, March, By cash paid Bishop Otey	150	00
May 21st, By cash paid Bishop Otey	102	50
" " balance 350 00	—	452 50
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		802 50

A. O. HARRIS, Treasurer.

A. O. HARRIS, Treasurer,

In account with the Diocese of Tennessee, with respect to
Contingent Fund for 1852.

1852, May 8th, To cash rec'd from St. John's Church, Knoxville ..	.5	00
" St. Peter's "	Columbia ..	10 00
" Trinity "	Clarksville ..	5 00
" St. James' "	Bolivar ..	5 00
" Immanuel "	La Grange ..	.5 00
" St. John's "	Ashwood ..	10 00
" Trinity "	Tipton ..	5 00
" Christ "	Nashville ..	25 00
" Calvary "	Memphis ..	25 00
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		95 00

Cr.	Debit	Credit
1852, June 23th. By cash paid bill for printing Journals of		
Convention	66	92
By balance Contingent Fund for 1852.....	28	08
	95	00

A. O. HARRIS, Treasurer,

A. O. HARRIS, Treasurer,

In account with the Diocese of Tennessee with respect to
Contingent Fund for 1853.

1853, May 19th, To cash rec'd from St. Peter's Church, Columbia,..	10	00	
"	Zion	Brownsville. 5	00
"	Immanuel	La Grange..5	00
"	St. James	Bolivar....10	00
"	Calvary	Memphis...35	00
"	St. John's	Knoxville...5	00
"	Trinity	Tipton.....5	00
"	St. Luke's	Jackson....10	00
By balance of Contingent Fund for 1852.....	28	08	
	\$113	08	

A. O. HARRIS, Treasurer.

ARREARGES TO ASSESSMENT FUND FOR 1853.

	Support of the Episcopate.	Contingent Expenses.	
Christ Church, Nashville.....	\$300	00.....	
" Columbia.....	50	00	
St. Peter's " Maury.....	90	00.....	
St. John's " Clarksville	60	00.....	
Trinity " Greenville	12	50.....	
St. James' " Franklin	20	00.....	
St. Paul's "		5	00
Church of the Holy Trinity Nashville....	20	00	
Church at the mouth of Tellico.....	20	00.....	
		5	00

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Committee on the State of the Church, would respectfully report to the Convention, the following statistics as connected with the condition of the Church in this Diocese :

There have been, during the present year, in the Parishes reported, baptisms of infants,	150
" adults,	22
Making the total number of baptisms reported,	172
The number of confirmations has been,	59
The present number of communicants reported,	652*
There has been contributed, in eleven Parishes, to various charities of the Church, \$2629 55.	

Four have been added to the list of the clergy, two Parishes have been duly organized, and three Church edifices are in course of erection.

An emphatic impulse has been given to the Church in the Eastern portion of the Diocese, and it is believed that the zealous efforts of the little band of faithful laborers, engaged in that interesting department of the work assigned us, will conspire, under God's blessing, with the spirit of public activity and enterprise, so prevalent in that quarter, to greatly lengthen the Church's cords, and to strengthen her stakes; and though your Committee has deeply to lament the paucity of candidates for Holy Orders, in the Diocese, the difficulty of providing the means for training up young men for the ministry, and the inadequacy of our Missionary fund to meet the demand for laborers, yet do they feel that there is enough in the existing condition of the Diocese, to cause us to thank God and take courage, and to look forward with humble confidence to the period when the Church in this Diocese will be strongly intrenched in all the more important points within our borders, and when the obstacles will be cleared away which now interpose to prevent the speedy extension of her inestimable blessing throughout the length and breadth of the Commonwealth.

All which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID C. PAGE,
DAVID PISE,
SAMUEL OLDHAM.

* These Statistics embrace only those Parishes reported in Convention. There were no reports from St. Paul's Church, Franklin, St. Paul's Church, Randolph, and Trinity Church, Clarksville. It has been ascertained that in St. Paul's Church, Randolph, there are 40 communicants; at Covington 4; in Trinity Church, Clarksville, 45; and in St. Paul's Church, Franklin, 10. In Trinity Church, Clarksville, there have been baptisms, infants, 4.

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KNOXVILLE, June 21, 1852.

To the Ministers of the Episcopal Church in Tennessee:

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN: The Anniversary of our National Independence occurs this year on Sunday, July 4th. I set forth the subjoined form to be used in all our congregations after the general thanksgiving at morning and evening prayer, on that day; and respectfully request that

a portion of the offerings made by the people on that day, may be appropriated to aid the American Colonization Society, in its patriotic and christian efforts to remove the free people of color, willing to emigrate to the western coast of Africa.

Your faithful friend and affectionate Pastor,

JAS. H. OTEY.

Form to be used after the General Thanksgiving at morning and evening prayer on the 4th day of July, 1852.

Almighty God ! who, by thy wise providence, orderest all things, in Heaven and in Earth, we praise Thee, as for all thy mercies, so especially at this time, for thy care and protection, vouchsafed to our fathers in the war of Independence, and for the blessing of civil and religious freedom bestowed upon our country. Thou hast blessed us beyond our deservings, and given us all things richly to enjoy. Grant that we may not be unthankful, in the enjoyment of thy multiplied favors, nor forgetful of Thee the gracious giver of them. Be pleased to bestow upon our rulers, and magistrates wisdom and grace to govern, and do justice in thy fear, and upon all the people of the land, the spirit of obedience to lawful authority : so that by thy merciful governance, we may live in all godly quietness, among ourselves, and be at peace with all nations. Give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity, and of the abundance of temporal goods, Thou hast bestowed on us, grant unto us, willing minds, to impart a due portion, for the relief of the poor and needy, the sick and afflicted. And we pray Thee to give us all, the constant assistance of thy Holy Spirit, that we may show ourselves thankful for all thy blessings, so that walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, we may in the end obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our most holy and adorable Redeemer. Amen.

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LETTER FROM THE BISHOP OF CAPE PALMAS.

SHIP RALPH CROSS, AT SEA, May 21, 1852.

Rt. REV. AND DEAR BROTHER: When I had the happiness to meet you in Cincinnati last autumn, you were kind enough to invite me to visit certain Churches in your Diocese, which you felt persuaded had the ability and the disposition to aid the African Mission. I deeply regretted my inability, consistently with engagements already made, to accept the invitation. The character and plans of our Missionary efforts in Africa, are so important and extensive that they fairly claim and urgently need the sympathy and generous support of the whole Church in the United

States, and most fully am I persuaded that such sympathy and support would be freely extended to it, were its claims but generally known.

What then are the character and plans of the mission of the Prot. Episcopal Church in Western Africa? It is not merely that it seeks to pour the light of Christianity upon the benighted pagan tribes of Africa. This indeed were object important enough. But it has another, in which every American citizen is deeply interested. It has a most intimate connection with a question whose agitation has threatened to break in pieces the most glorious Confederacy upon which the sun has ever shined. And has that agitation ceased? Will it cease?

The whole difficulty, or rather, the chief difficulty, was revealed in the remark of a distinguished Southern gentleman. After a statement of his views in reference to the lawfulness and expediency of "the institution," he added, "There is, however, one fact most evident, namely: that every generation of negroes is in advance of that which preceded it. And this is the only thing that causes me to doubt the permanence of slavery." But is not this sufficient cause for the strongest doubt? If in this regular and certain progression, some and many colored people have reached a state in which slavery is intolerable, or social degradation, will not like causes produce like effects to the end? And as these effects shall be produced, what must be done with the subjects of them? *God hath decided that they must be colonized in Western Africa*; that there they shall suppress the slave trade, repress lawlessness amongst their pagan neighbors, and prepare them for the reception of the gospel and civilization: and further, that they themselves shall be the great instruments of introducing these blessings amongst them. In the U. States all tendencies are to the colonization of the free people of color in Africa. And there is and will be sufficient interest amongst sundry classes and from various motives to provide these people with the means of emigration. This emigration is, in fact, going on as fast as is consistent with the welfare of the infant Liberian Colonies. A large accession of people so little improved, so unaccustomed to self-government, might, most probably would, produce disaster and anarchy.

How shall the Colonies be prepared to receive the increasing numbers which Providence is evidently preparing for them? How shall they be prepared for the part which they are designed to act in ameliorating heathen Africa? These are questions in which every American philanthropist, patriot and Christian is most deeply interested. And they are questions with which our mission in Africa has much to do.

It is said, and justly too, that upon the prevalence of a sound, moral and intellectual education, depend the welfare and stability of the political institutions of the U. States. Upon every ground for which the Episcopal

Church is bound to exert herself to accomplish this object in the United States, is she bound to secure it in the Liberian Colonies. Indeed, the obligation would seem to be even greater in the latter case than in the former. For generations after the English Colonists went over to America, they were thought to need, and they obtained the fostering care of the mother country. Ministers and Colonists were sent over and supported; churches were built and maintained by her benefactions. How much more then, do the poor African Colonists—but few even able to read, when sent out, and all unaccustomed to self government—need such aid from America? It is my honest conviction that the Episcopal Church in the U. States should at once establish and maintain a Church and educational establishment in each of the principal Liberian settlements. And it is moreover my conviction, that this object may be readily accomplished, if brought fairly before the Church. There are at least four principal settlements on the Liberian coast, namely; Monrovia, Bassa Cove, 80 miles below, Sinoe, 70 miles below Bassa, and Cape Palmas, 100 miles from Sinoe. At the last we have a Church, provided by Maryland, and a high and day school for Colonist children. At Monrovia, the Church in *Virginia* will support an establishment of the sort desired; while at Bassa Cove, the Church in *Pennsylvania* stands prepared to support a mission. I go out, indeed, authorized and prepared to commence the two latter missions: only one place remains to be provided for, namely, *Sinoe*.

Now, my proposition is, that Tennessee shall support a mission at that place. A number of emigrants at that place have gone from your State, and as I learned from Rev. Mr. Humes, (if I am not mistaken) some Episcopalians. Mr. H., to whom I suggested the plan now proposed, advised me through you to lay this subject before your convention. I have written to my father's friend and family physician, Dr. Oldham, on the subject, and doubt not, if it can be fairly presented to your Diocese, (the mode of doing which I would leave entirely with yourself,) the requisite sum may be readily raised. A thousand dollars next year to erect a mission building, and as much more in subsequent years, as your liberality will secure, will enable me to begin and sustain the mission. May I hope to hear from you on the subject? Direct to Cape Palmas, West Africa, care Rev. P. P. Irving, 19 Warren st., N. York.

Very respectfully and truly,

Your friend and fellow laborer in the gospel,

JNO. PAYNE.

Rt. Rev. J. H. OTEY, D. D.

(H.)

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address in which is contained the letter from the Rt. Rev'd. the Bishop of Cape Palmas, Western coast of Africa, respectfully report:

That they have given to the subject committed to them a careful consideration. And while approving most heartily of the sentiments expressed by the Rt. Rev'd. the Bishop of Cape Palmas, and earnestly desirous that the Church should engage more zealously in the work of extending the blessings of the Gospel to the people of Africa, yet in view of the present condition of our own Missionary operations, and the pressing wants of the Church, within the limits of this Diocese, and our inability, owing chiefly to the infancy of the Diocese, to meet those wants: Your Committee deeply regret that they cannot recommend the Convention to give at present a favorable response to the suggestions contained in the Bishop's Communication, but still they would warmly commend the subject to the future consideration of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese, whenever in the Providence of Almighty God they shall find themselves in a condition to aid the African Colonists and the Church in their Colony.

SAMUEL OLDHAM,
PITSER MILLER.

Bolivar, May 21, 1853

(I.)

CONTRIBUTIONS,

To the Diocesan Missionary Fund of Tennessee at Bolivar, during the Convention held May, 1853.

May 20th,—Rec'd from St. Luke's Church, Jackson through

Rev. Dr. McCullough.....	\$22	30
" Rev. Dr. McCullough, Annual Sub.	2	00
" J. J. Alston, "	2	50
" Mrs. M. E. Alston, "	2	50
" Rev. W. C. Stout, Contribution and A. Sub. 5	00	
" Dr. Sam'l. P. Oldham, 2 years Sub.	4	00
" Mrs. C. C. Oldham, "	4	00
" A. S. Oldham, "	4	00
" Dr. R. H. Oldham, "	4	00
" Mrs. E. M. Anderson, "	4	00
" Mrs. A. Stith, Annual Sub.	2	00
" W. H. Stephens, Donation	5	00
" Miss M. E. Philips	2	00
" Mrs. M. M. Philips.....	2	00

"	Miss E. A. Fitzhugh, 2 years subscription.	4	00
"	Mrs. F. E. Caruthers	"	4 00
"	Mr. James Caruthers	"	4 00
"	M. E. Wells	.....	2 00
"	D. I. Wells	.....	2 00
"	Dr. James G. McCormick	.....	2 00
"	J. F. Jett	.....	2 00
"	Mrs. S. I. Whitley	.....	2 00
"	W. H. Hardin	.....	2 00
"	Rev. Dr. Page	.....	2 00
"	Rev. W. M. Steel	.....	2 00
"	Bishop Otey	.....	2 00
"	Mrs. James H. Otey	.....	2 00
"	A. O. Harris	.....	2 00
"	Mrs. A. O. Harris	.....	2 00
"	Master J. W. Harris	.....	2 00
"	Joseph A. Greene	.....	2 00
"	Rev. J. W. Rogers	.....	2 00
"	S. M. Ashe	.....	2 00
"	Mrs. S. M. Ashe	.....	2 00
"	Miss Mary L. Wheelock	.....	2 00
"	Mrs. H. F. Wormley	.....	2 00
"	Capt J. W. Goslee, through Bishop Otey	24	00
"	Steamer "City of Huntsville," through the same	.....	3 00
"	Saved in Toll, by same	.....	1 00
"	By Collection in St. James Church, Bolivar on Sunday 21st of May, 1853	53	50

		\$196	80
		J. F. JETT,	Treasurer.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, NASHVILLE,

The Rev. Charles Tomes, Rector.

Baptisms, Infants .....	.....	45
Adults .....	.....	3
Confirmed, .....	.....	8
Communicants:—Died.....	.....	4
Removed.....	.....	14
Repelled .....	.....	2
Added .....	.....	19
Restored.....	.....	1—Present number 139
Marriages.....	3	Sunday School Teachers..... 8
Burials	16	Children..... 50
Contributed at the Weekly Offertory.....	.....	\$738 21
Being an average per week of.....	.....	14 20
Appropriated as follows: To Diocesan Missions.....	.....	93 50
The Poor .....	.....	44 25
Prayer Books.....	5 00
Gas Fixtures	106 80
Church Expenses	440 99
Support of Episcopate	47 67
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		738 21

IMMANUEL CHURCH, LA GRANGE,

The Rev. William Fagg, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants	2
Communicants:—Former number .....	.....	31
Removed.....	.....	6
Died.....	.....	1
Present number.....	.....	24
Sunday School Teachers.....	.....	8
“ “ Scholars .....	.....	26
Collections for support of Episcopate.....	.....	\$25
Contingent Fund .....	.....	5
Monthly Collections at the Holy Communion.....	.....	50

This Congregation has been almost exhausted by constant removals. Family after family has left us, until very few of the old members of the Church now remain. This loss of numbers, has not only diminished our strength, but has exerted a depressing influence on those that remain.

I officiate in this Church, on the first and fourth Sundays in each month. The rest of my time is devoted to the Church in the Diocese of Mississippi.

CALVARY CHURCH, MEMPHIS,

Rev. D. C. Page, D.D. Rector.

Baptisms—Infants, white	40
Colored	1
Adults	4
Confirmations	17
Marriages—White	5
Colored	2
Burials.....	29
Communicants	167
Died	5
Removed	6
Collections at the Offertory since the last Conven-	
tion	\$925 00
Contributions to Episcopate	350 00
Colonization Society	45 00
To Texan Missions on the Rio Grande.....	50 00
To Domestic Missions.....	65 00
Foreign Missions.....	25 00
Incidental Expenses of Convention.....	15 00

The balance for incidental and charitable uses.

The Rector has the pleasure of reporting that, the Congregation has increased so much during the year past, as to render it impossible for the wardens to meet the demand for pews—and that measures are now in progress for the erection of another Church. May the efforts and the prayers of the Church's friends among us, be crowned with a success in some good degree commensurate with the importance of the field allotted to our culture.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, WILLIAMSPORT.

THE REV. C. F. COLLINS, Minister.

Number of Families	10
Former number of Communicants.....	12
Added	3
Present number	—15
Baptisms—Adults, By Bishop Otey.....	2
Infants	2 —4
Marriages, White, By Bishop Otey.....	1
Colored	3 —4
Confirmations	3
Funeral	1

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, KNOXVILLE.

THE REV. THOS. W. HYMES, Rector.

Contributions by Sub.—Salary of Organist.	50 00
Episcopal Assessment	70 00
Convention Fund.....	5 00
	125 00
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I take pleasure in adding that a Missionary Society composed of ladies of the Congregation and organized about a year since, has contributed Fifty Dollars towards the support of a Missionary in this portion of the Diocese.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, COLUMBIA,

REV. WILLIAM H. GOOD, *Rector.*

Baptisms—Infants, White.....	3
Colored.....	1—4
Burials	5
Marriages, Colored.....	2
Confirmations	4
Communicants—Former number.....	50
Died	1
Removed	14
Added.....	12
Present number	47
Contributions—Alms at Communion.....	\$56
Domestic Missions.....	65
Support of Episcopate.....	50
Contingent Fund	10—181

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSON,

REV. J. W. McCULLOUGH, D. D. *Rector.*

Baptisms	5
Confirmations	1
Communicants	45
Marriages	2
Collections—Diocesan Missions.....	22 30
Christmas Fund.....	14 50
Support of Episcopate	60 00
Contingent Fund.....	10 00
Offerings for poor, &c.....	53 00

ZION CHURCH, BROWNSVILLE,

REV. J. W. ROGERS, *Rector.*

Communicants	20
Baptisms—Adults 1, Infants 5.....	6
Confirmations.....	3
Persons ready and desirous to be confirmed.....	2
Burial	1
Marriage	1

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, BOLIVAR,

REV. LOUIS JANSEN, *Rector.*

Baptisms, Adults 1, Infants 6.....	7
Funerals	3
Marriages.....	3
Communicants	15
Contributions—Rector's Salary	250
Bishop's Assessments	30
Collections in Congregation	25
Contingent Fund.....	10
Building Vestry Room	210

\$525

TRINITY CHURCH, TIPTON COUNTY,

THE REV. WM. M. STEEL, *Rector.*

Baptisms—Infants 11, Adults 1.....	12
Communicants—Former number.....	31
Added.....	9
Died.....	2
Present number.....	38
Offerings—Holy Communion	21 62
Weekly Offertory	18 30
Expended on Church Building, about.....	100 00
Support of Episcopate and Contingent Fund	20 00

\$159 52

It affords the Rector great pleasure to state that his Parish was never in a more flourishing condition, and that at no former time, has such interest been manifested in the prosperity of the Church, nor the attendance upon its public services been larger.

Measures were adopted, at a late meeting of the Vestry, to have the Church completed and a melodeon purchased. It is hoped the Church will be ready for consecration the coming fall.

MISSION AT SOMMERVILLE,

THE REV. WM. M. STEEL, *Missionary.*

Baptism, Infant	1
Confirmations.....	3
Communicants, former number	12
Removed	2
Added	6—Present number. 16
Offerings—At the Communion.....	11 80
Weekly Offertory.....	17 70
Support of the Episcopate....	10 00—\$39 50

The prospects of the Church at this Station, appear to be assuming a more decidedly prosperous condition than at any former period, although the Missionary, in consequence of having charge of a Female Academy twenty miles distant, has been unable to give that time and attention to the parish, that its wants demanded, or that his inclination would have led him to bestow. The most serious inconvenience the Church here has experienced is the want of a Church edifice.

With heartfelt gratitude, the hope is expressed, that, through the pious zeal of two young ladies, this inconvenience will shortly be remedied: \$1300 00 having been already subscribed for that purpose.

ST. JAMES' PARISH, GREENVILLE,

THE REV. W. P. GAHAGAN, *Rector.*

Baptisms, Adults.....	2
Infants	5—7
Confirmations.....	10
Burials	6
Communicants—Died	1
Removed	3
Added.....	10
Present number.....	40
Contributions— Collected at Communion.....	\$15 00
Semi-annual assessment for Bishop's	
Salary	12 50
For other purposes	30 00
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	\$57 50

The prospects of the Parish are encouraging. We are at this time making an effort to pay off the balance of our Church debt, and hope soon to be relieved from all embarrassment of this kind.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, NASHVILLE,

THE REV. CHAS. TOMEs, *Acting Rector.*

Baptisms, Infants.....	10
Adults.....	4—14
Communicants—Removed	1
Present number.....	20
Marriages.....	3
Sunday School Teachers.....	4
Children	20
Contributed at the Weekly Offertory.....	\$73 72
App'd as follows:—Current expenses.....	8 72
Sunday School Books....	5 00
Seats for Church.....	60 00
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	\$73 72

The Church building (with t' e exception of the tower) is nearly completed.

THE REV. J. L. GAY, *Missionary at Tellico Mouth and Loudon.*

Pespecifuly reports:—That so much of his time has been taken up with the oversight and superintendance of building St. Andrew's Church, at Tellico Mouth, and with the collection of means and materials for building Grace Church, at Loudon, that his proper spiritual ministrations have necessarily been much interfered with.

St. Andrew's is so far advanced that it was opened for worship on the first Sunday in this month, (May.)

At Loudon the foundations of a Church and a Parsonage are laid, with the promise that they shall be ready for occupancy during the Summer. For this point \$2000 have already been collected and more is promised.

REV. J. A. WHEELOCK,

Respectfully reports:—That since his last annual Report he has baptized one Adult, two Infants; married one couple; preached once every Sunday, either at Ravenscroft or Covington, when not prevented by sickness, and administered the Holy Communion five times.

REV. W. C. STOUT'S REPORT.

I have to report that I have been residing in the city of Memphis since the 1st of October last, and have lately been transferred to this Diocese. Having no parochial charge, my ministerial labors have been confined to assistance given the Rev. Dr. Page in the services at Calvary Church; and more particularly to the Bishop in the various duties of the newly organized Parish of Grace Church.

I have also held service and preached several times in the Diocese of Mississippi.

I regret that I have not done more, and I hope opportunity may occur for the more active exercise of my ministry.

REV. J. SANDELS,

Respectfully reports:—That he continued in charge of Trinity School Clarksville, till Christmas, preaching regularly once in two weeks, at a Missionary Station in Montgomery county, and occasionally in Nashville and Franklin. At Franklin he baptized two Infants, one white and one colored.

In January he took charge of the Congregation at Chattanooga, since which services have been held in an upper room. The Congregations are as large as could be expected and increasing. There are about ten families who attend the services. The number of Communicants is seven.

At a meeting of persons favorable to the Episcopal Church, held at the house of Col. J. A. Whitesides, on the evening of the 9th inst., a parish was duly organized under the name of St. Paul's Church, Chattanooga, and a vestry elected.

REV. DAVID PISE,

Respectfully reports:—That he resigned the Rectorship of Trinity Church, Clarksville, on the 1st of January 1853, and became Principal of Millwood Female Institute, near Sycamore Mills, Davidson county; that early in March he received the appointment of Missionary to that place, from the Bishop of the Diocese; that since that time he has baptized one infant (colored) "in extremis," performed the Burial Service once, and celebrated Divine Service and preached twice at Sycamore Mills; that, besides these services, he has, since the 1st of January, performed Divine Service and preached twice and administered the Holy Communion once in Trinity Church Clarksville; preached in St. John's Church Ashwood once, and assisted the Rector of Christ Church, Nashville, on various occasions, either in Divine Service or by preaching.

LIST OF OFFICERS, &c.

The RIGHT REV. JAMES HERVEY OTHEY, D. D., BISHOP,
Residence Memphis.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Rev. Charles Tomes, *President and Secretary, Nashville.*
" " D. C. Page, D. D., F. B. Fogg,
" " David Pise, J. Shelby, M. D.

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" J. W. McCullough, D.D. F. B. Fogg,
" Charles Tomes, W. H. Stephens.
" David Pise. G. T. Taylor.

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Rev. David Pise, *Sycamore Mills, Davidson County.*

THE NEXT ANNUAL CONVENTION
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